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AS the season draws towards a close, the successful clubs prepare to receive their medals — and unsuccessful managers stand by to receive the sack.

Unsuccessful, of course, can just mean finishing second in an age when winning is everything. Ken Furphy was sacked by Sheffield United a few years back only months after taking the team to fourth place in Division One, their highest spot for a long time.

Any time is also a good time for sacking team bosses as far as directors are concerned. But it's at the end of the season that their trigger fingers really start to itch.

No team manager has been under more pressure this season than Manchester City's Malcolm Allison.

He's spent a few million pounds of the club's money and spent the whole season struggling to get away from the bottom. To boot, his expensive tribe were knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Fourth Division Halifax.

Allison has already hinted that the knives are out. In an astonishing interview after one defeat he said: "You newspaper reporters have been trying to get me the sack and you may succeed."

He says: "The trouble in this job is that no one has any patience. It takes time to build a good side and ideally, I would like four or five years to do the job.

"Given that time, I know I could build a great side at Maine Road.

But realistically, I know I'll never get that long."

It's a surprise to many people that Big Mal has lasted as long as he has in his second spell at City.

But chairman Peter Swales says: "I told Malcolm when he came back in January last year that he'd have the rest of the season and all this season before I reassessed his position. I told the other directors that I didn't want the position discussed until then as well."

Only two seasons ago, Swales said that he didn't consider it a success for City to finish in fourth place in Division One.

If Allison goes, Tony Book is almost certain to go with him. He's the one who invited Allison back and although he doesn't have charge of the team anymore, is still the manager.

Everton are another club who don't regard fourth place — or even second or third — as success. They want to win things and manager Gordon Lee is only too aware of it.

He says: "We have to win something soon, or at least finish higher than Liverpool. While they are above us in the League, whether it's at the top or near the bottom, there will be extra pressure on any manager of Everton.

"It's not the job to have if you want a nice, comfortable life. And if I get the sack, they may have trouble finding someone to take it because a lot of managers would be frightened of it. It's not good enough doing well in this season's F.A. Cup, only if we had won it would it have been acceptable.

"If I get the sack, I'll accept it as my fault. Certainly any manager who gets relegated deserves the sack, or should at least expect it. Because I believe that at the end of the day, you finish where you deserve to in Division One.

"As I say, I'll accept it's my fault if I am sacked but it won't stop my optimism and belief that I'll win something somewhere.

"I've won honours in the lower

Divisions but never any of the big prizes, though I've been close. But I'm confident I will. It may surprise some people to know that I also have a lot of confidence in the Everton board."

Jimmy Adamson at Leeds is another manager who finds himself trying to revive a sleeping giant.

The success Leeds enjoyed under Don Revie spoiled the fans and the shockingly low attendances this season reflects their frustration. When they have turned up, they've called for Adamson's head.

The phlegmatic Leeds boss says: "I've had that sort of thing at every club I've been at so it doesn't bother me anymore. It's like water off a duck's back.

"I can understand the fans' frustration but if we start to do well again, they'll soon come round."

Adamson is a manager who has refused to spend crazy amounts on the transfer market and he still

MANAGERS UNDER FIRE

Malcolm Allison (left) and Gordon Lee (right) have discovered that spending money does not guarantee the success their club's demand.



thinks something should be done to curtail fees.

"It's impossible for clubs to justify some of the fees that are being paid. And it's not just the fee you're paying but what you have to pay the player in wages."

"If you pay a million pounds for a player, it's obvious he is going to want an enormous amount in salary, and that's not going to go down well with the players you have already got."

"I'm still convinced the players I've got are good enough to do the job for me and I hope to prove that next season. If I don't, I probably will get the sack."

Down the bottom of the tables, the sackings usually start a lot earlier than at the top.

It was just after Christmas that Bolton's Ian Greaves was given the axe. Ironically, he'd just seen the team gain their first win in ages, a Cup triumph over Halifax.

Stan Anderson, who has taken over, will find himself under just as much pressure if the team don't show signs of coming up again next season.

Alan Dicks, like Greaves, spent a long time building up a club that had been in soccer's doldrums for a long time.

But after 13 years at Bristol City, he finds himself facing the chop as well.

City were in danger of relegation to the Third Division when Dicks joined them in 1967. He saved them and then led them into the

top flight in 1976 for the first time in 65 years. This season the fans have been calling for his head.

Dicks says: "I've not had time to think about it. I've been too busy trying to keep Bristol City in the First Division."

The club have been promising him an extension to his contract but he says: "I've still heard nothing definite. But I've got three years to go on the old one."



Colin Addison (above), Jimmy Adamson (below left) and Alan Dicks (below right) have all had to battle against relegation with their clubs this season.

Dicks knows, like every other manager, that a contract doesn't count for much if the board decides it wants you out.

Colin Addison has found himself fighting an uphill battle at every club he has been at. He's got another enormous task on his hands at Derby.

When Sunderland failed to get promotion on the last day of last season, it cost manager Billy Elliott his job. But coach Ken Knighton, who also expected the sack, landed the top job.

He knows that he could be in for the chop this time if the Roker Park club miss out on promotion.

Knighton has spent around £1 million getting the team that he wants and if it isn't good enough, the directors will want to know why.

Being a manager, particularly at a top club, means being continually under pressure. Gordon Lee paints a frightening picture of what it's like to be in the hot seat.

He says: "I never switch off. Even when I'm at home with my family or driving along in the car, football is buzzing through my mind.

"When you've been a manager as long as I have, you learn that there are no such things as holidays, or Christmas, or periods of time whereby you enjoy yourself. I know that sounds terrible but if I ever stop feeling that committed, I'll probably give the game up."

...and the boss who survived



MANAGERS under pressure can take heart from the example of Aston Villa boss Ron Saunders (above).

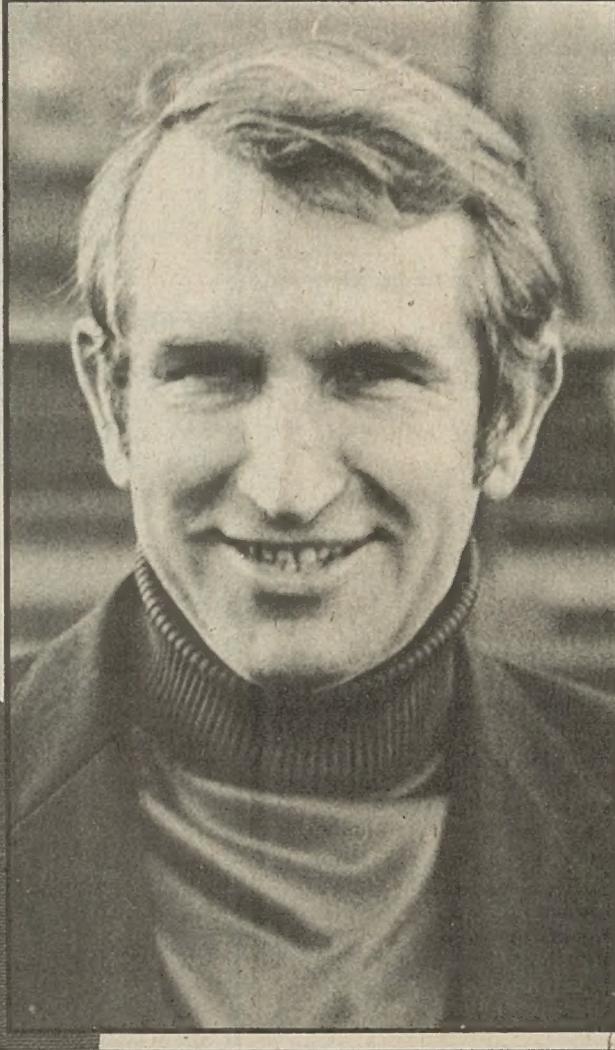
Saunders was shattered to last less than a year at Manchester City, where arguments over his policies and player resentment led to his departure.

But despite more problems with players at Villa Park, he's managed to hold on to his job — and the respect of the board.

His skipper Dennis Mortimer says: "Ron Saunders isn't everybody's cup of tea. But all the business about him being a hard taskmaster is a myth."

"He might have been in his early days as a manager, but not now. He knows when you've had enough."

"I like working for him because he's honest and straight. All he asks from you is that you give 100 per cent every game. If you do that, he won't have a go at you, even if you play badly. But he will blow his top if you try to cheat him."



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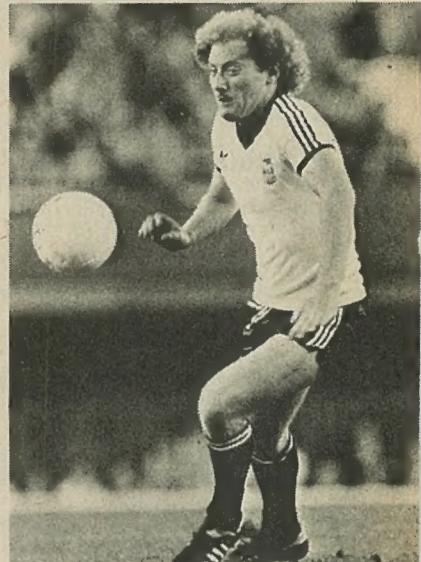
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'BRAZIL SHOULD PLAY FOR SCOTLAND'

ALAN Brazil, not 21 until June this year, has a big future in Scotland's forward-line. Who says so? None other than Denis Law, probably the greatest and most popular wearer of the Scottish number ten jersey. Said Denis, now a BBC commentator: "The Ipswich star should have a big future in the game, I wore the number ten shirt on a number of occasions and I think he will do the same if he can just find more consistency to add to his obvious skills."

Brazil himself, recently picked for the full squad after a good run with the Under-21 team, is not counting any chickens: "The Scotland call-up was nice. Just being picked means a lot because it was a terrific experience training and mixing with so many established players. It was good preparation should I be lucky enough to win a full cap."



NEWS DESK



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GEMMILL'S TRICK

"NUTMEG and drop, it is the oldest trick in the game," said Cambridge boss John Docherty, talking about the skills of the wee men in the League.

"All you have to do is push it through the big fella's legs and when he lunges you go down for a roll. Watch Archie Gemmill or any of the small players. I used to do it myself. It is the surest way to get a free-kick or penalty."

EIRE'S BEST PLAYER

PIERCE O'Leary, the Shamrock Rovers central-defender is the best player in Eire. So says Everton's Irish Scout, Jim Emery. But despite the continual transfer speculation, it looks like Pierce will not be joining his brother Dave in the First Division just yet.



**Alan's
England
hopes**

TWENTY-TWO year old Birmingham midfield operator Alan Curbishley (above) is hoping that City's promotion push can give him an England international boost.

He said: "I've got back into the England reckoning by being called up to the Under 21 team earlier this season and I believe that is a backlash from the success Birmingham have had."

"But as far as the full squad is concerned the only real chance you have got of making a breakthrough is by catching manager Ron Greenwood's eye in a top class First Division game."

New sport clinic

AMATEUR sportsmen and women now receive professional treatment for injuries at the recently opened S Injury Clinic in Hemel Hempstead. Ward Health Ltd., the owners, say: National Health Service is unable to provide the necessary expertise and facilities deal with sports injuries.

"Sadly, it is true to say many sportsmen have had their careers ruined by inefficient treatment."

The clinic, in St. John's Road, Hemel Hempstead, has some well-known names. There is Roger Uttley, the England Union Star who is the Programme Director; Terry Moule, the osteopath who treated Gerry Francis; and Malcolm Greenback from Saudi Arabia who is responsible for their national side.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday will always be one of the loves of Craig Howard's life — even though he is now a professional with Leeds. Midfielder Craig was once on books and his father also played them. Now the Worksop-born 18-year-old still watches them whenever he can.

'I'm finished' says Allan Hunter

ALLAN HUNTER, the Ipswich Town defender, has conceded that he has reached the end of his international career with Northern Ireland.

When his name was not included in Billy Bingham's squad for the recent World Cup qualifier against Israel in Tel Aviv, 'Big Al' said "I'll just have to face up to the fact that my international career is over."

"It is disappointing, of course, but to be honest I have been expecting it. When Billy Bingham was re-appointed as manager, I told the other lads at Portman Road that I was finished — that is the way it has turned out."

Bingham introduced Hunter to international football during his first spell as international manager in 1969. Hunter went on to win 53 caps.

A la Drew

DREW JARVIE is earning a reputation as a gourmet cook as well as scoring goals regularly for Aberdeen.

Drew has bought a boarding house in Aberdeen for future investment, and between training and matches he spends most of his time in the kitchen.

Eves stays at Wolves



TWO months have made a big difference to Wolves' transfer listed striker Mel Eves. But despite claiming a regular first team place and being part of the side which went to Wembley to take the League Cup, Eves is in no hurry to come off the list.

He asked for and was granted a move when in the reserves. But then Dave Thomas hit a bad patch, was dropped and told he no longer figured in manager John Barnwell's plans and suddenly it was all happening for 22 year old Eves.

Says Eves: "All my energies have been concentrated into playing and keeping my place in the team so I haven't been thinking about the transfer business.

"Things are going really well for me and I am having my best ever period at the club. Obviously I am benefiting from having an extended run in the team.

"At first I found it strange playing on the wing. I had always felt my best position was in the middle but now I am finding that I can get into the penalty area unnoticed from the wing."

GREEN'S PROGRESS



Palace help Champion Minter

BRITISH boxing enjoyed an unprecedented boom recently when three British boys fought for world titles in the United States.

Yet two of them — Alan Minter and Dave Boy Green — would probably have lost their big chance if football clubs had not stepped in to help them get over troublesome injuries.

Minter — the new world middle-weight champ — was treated by Crystal Palace for an elbow injury sustained in training.

"Somebody moved the heavy bag while Alan was working on it. He threw a punch, had nothing to hit and jarred the elbow," explained Palace physio, Dave Butler.

"We were only too pleased to help out when the Minter camp asked and he had nine or ten sessions on the

Selhurst Park treatment table. That gave us an extra interest in the fight and we were as pleased as anyone when he took the title off Vito Antufermo."

Dave Green — a football nut, whose boyhood ambition was to play for Manchester United — was also hit by injury as he prepared for his welter-weight crack against Sugar Ray Leonard.

Cambridge United stepped in to give him treatment on a shoulder injury to make sure he was in top condition.

And when you consider that lightweight champ Jim Watt was looked after by Glasgow Rangers before his fight against Charlie Nash you can see the fight game has a lot to thank football for.

FULHAM RETIRES

JOHNNY FULHAM (left) has retired after 22 years in the game. Fulham, who will be 40 next birthday, bowed out helping Athlone Town beat his old club Shamrock Rovers.

It was at Rovers that Johnny won seven of his eight FAI Cup medals. Capped eleven times for his country, Fulham began his career with Preston North End and also had a successful spell with Bohemians.

● Everton have shown an interest in Jackie Jameson, the skilful St Patrick's Athletic striker.

● Rangers boss John Greig believes in leading by example . . . which is why the former Scotland star insists on putting in a full training session alongside his players nearly every day. Says John: "I wouldn't ask my players to do anything I couldn't do myself."

● Linfield have reached their fifth Northern Ireland F.A. Cup final in six seasons, 18th in post-War soccer and 48th in their 94-year history. The Belfast Blues, who have won the trophy a record 31 times, meet Crusaders in this year's decider, on Saturday April 26.



Briefly...
Cester manager Jock Catterick is prepared to let Geoff Scott leave Street. Wallace paid £70,000 for Scott this season but now chief has dropped and excluded him from the plans.

League of Ireland play Southampton in ext July.

For Everton and manager Harry Catterick has accepted an invitation to become

● Dave Wagstaffe has been appointed player-coach of B.J.F.F., who play in the West Lancashire League. Wagstaffe played for Manchester City, Wolves, Blackburn and Blackpool.

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RON GREEN, Walsall's goalkeeper, is indebted to player-manager Alan Buckley for giving him his chance in the Fourth Division this season.

Green has now been with Walsall for the past three years but for a long spell he was only third choice and it appeared that he would never get an extended run in the Football League side.

Ian Turner, however, suffered an early injury and Green stepped in to hold down the spot. Turner eventually asked for a transfer because the former Southampton player realised that in the circumstances his chances of re-establishing himself were rather remote.

Buckley said: "Ron Green has improved with every game. He has grown in confidence and this was one of the chief reasons for our promotion back to the Third Division."

PLAYERS' REWARD

EIGHTEEN League of Ireland players are being rewarded for their consistency throughout the season with a short tour of Argentina this month.

The Eire part-timers will play the World Champions before they leave on their European tour, and other games have been lined up by promoter Louis Kilcoyne against Cipolletti, Velez Sarsfield F.C., and selected sides in Cordoba and Rosario. Dundalk's Jim McLaughlin will be tour Manager.

Better deal for Scotland?

CELTIC chairman Desmond White wants drastic changes in the financial structure of Scottish football.

The Parkhead supremo says: "Premier Division clubs should be able to keep the gate money from all their home games. I'd like to see a legislation passed to give top clubs a better chance of competing at the highest level in Europe.

"We at Celtic MUST be in European competition because the prizes are enormous, but we can only compete within a limited budget.

"We can't afford the huge transfer fees some players command. We would never contemplate risking the future of the club by spending more than we can afford.

"A club like Real Madrid is strong because it keeps all its gate receipts. That's how they can sign the best players. Scotland should follow suit if Celtic, Rangers or any other club are to reach a European Final. We need help from every club in the League.

"Let First and Second Division clubs split gate money if they wish, but the time has come for Premier Division teams to keep all theirs."

Family aid

MILLWALL striker John Lyons has called on his family to help him try to achieve his double ambition of helping the Lions to succeed — and winning himself a place in the Welsh international squad.

John asked his elder brother Keith, a lecturer in physical education, to watch him in several games and analyse his performances with graphs of his movements on field.

"I found it very interesting to discover exactly what you get up to in a match," says John.

"Already, I am certain I understand the game better and know where to do my running and that sort of thing."

Keith is no mean performer himself — as a winger for the top London rugby union club Rosslyn Park.

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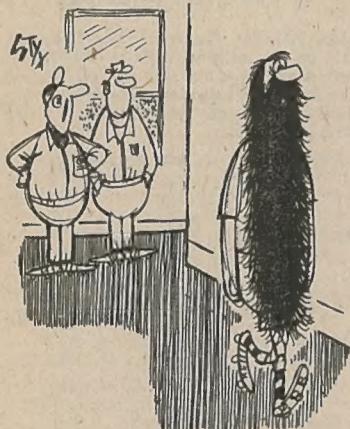
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FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"Another one of his fantastic excuses for missing training, boss. Says he slipped on an orange peel."



"He made a New Year's resolution that he wouldn't shave until he'd scored a goal."



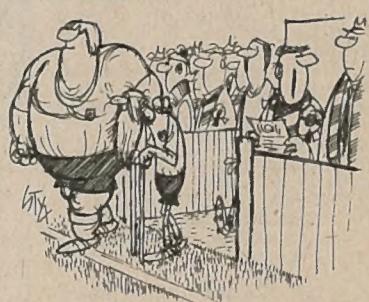
"I'm sorry young sir, but that seat is reserved for managers."



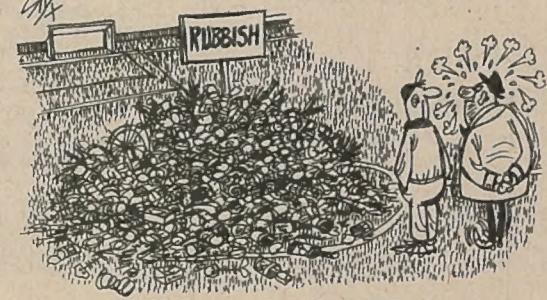
This week Andy Ritchie, Manchester United's hat-trick hero against Spurs recently, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Such a funny dream — we won the Cup, the Queen presented me with my medal then hit me over the head."



"I hope the new manager's idea of adding experience and muscle to the team will work."



"I think some of our fans paid us a visit in the night, boss."

THE news that England are to be sponsored by a brewery inevitably raised a few eyebrows. The objections are obvious: sport and alcohol don't mix, but Courages aren't trying to tempt youngsters to drink their beer, nor are the players going to be seen staggering out of pubs legless.

In fact, our involvement means we shall be doing little more than we already do. Much of our work will be for charity; going along to pubs and clubs to push over a pile of pennies or simply to put in an appearance.

Just about every player, international or not, does this anyway and like it or not, it is a fact of soccer life that the game needs the extra cash from sponsors.

England have a four-man committee, comprising Kevin Keegan, Emlyn Hughes, Mick Mills and myself. The man in charge of our commercial side is Harry Swales, who has advised Kevin Keegan so successfully over the years.

It is the committee's job to talk to the other players and find out their feelings about things, although obviously in the case of Courages, the F.A. had to sanction any deal.

I can't see any harm in Courages involvement. Cricket has flourished thanks to the one-day sponsorship by John Player and Benson and Hedges.

Sponsorship is in every sport now and football needs the cash as much as any other.

I wouldn't be surprised if Manchester United were wearing the name of some company on their

I'd like to have some sort of business, probably outside of football. I haven't a clue what this will be; the idea of owning a sports shop doesn't really appeal to me as there are so many around.

Footballers tend to have a lot of spare time on their hands and I'd like to use this constructively. During the afternoons I've been decorating our house in Cheshire and getting the garden into shape; it's a toss-up which I hate the most, decorating or gardening!

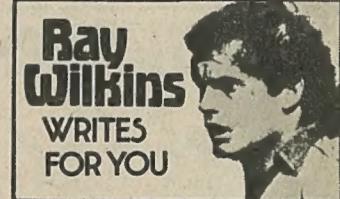
I play golf with the other lads, although for some reason since I moved to Old Trafford my game has been awful.

Thankfully, things have gone better on the field, and, recently, few players have been doing better than Andy Ritchie and Mickey Thomas.

Andy is a very fine player and given time can become an exceptional one. He's built like a tank, has two good feet and is a lethal finisher.

A lot of our fans would have liked to have seen Andy in the team sooner, although it isn't easy to break into the United side and, after

Ray Wilkins
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'England'

shirts next season, just as Everton and Liverpool do already. If the right offer came along, no doubt our board would accept it.

As an individual, I'm a traditionalist and don't like to see strips tampered with or changed. The reality of the situation, though, necessitates such progress because inflation hits everyone, even the biggest clubs.

Ironically, because they are on television so often, Liverpool are seen in their Hitachi jerseys for relatively few games during a season, although I'm sure the Japanese company are still happy with their involvement.

I don't have too many deals; I drive a Vauxhall Cavalier Coupe supplied by Jack Brabham of Worcester Park, while I wear Patrick boots.

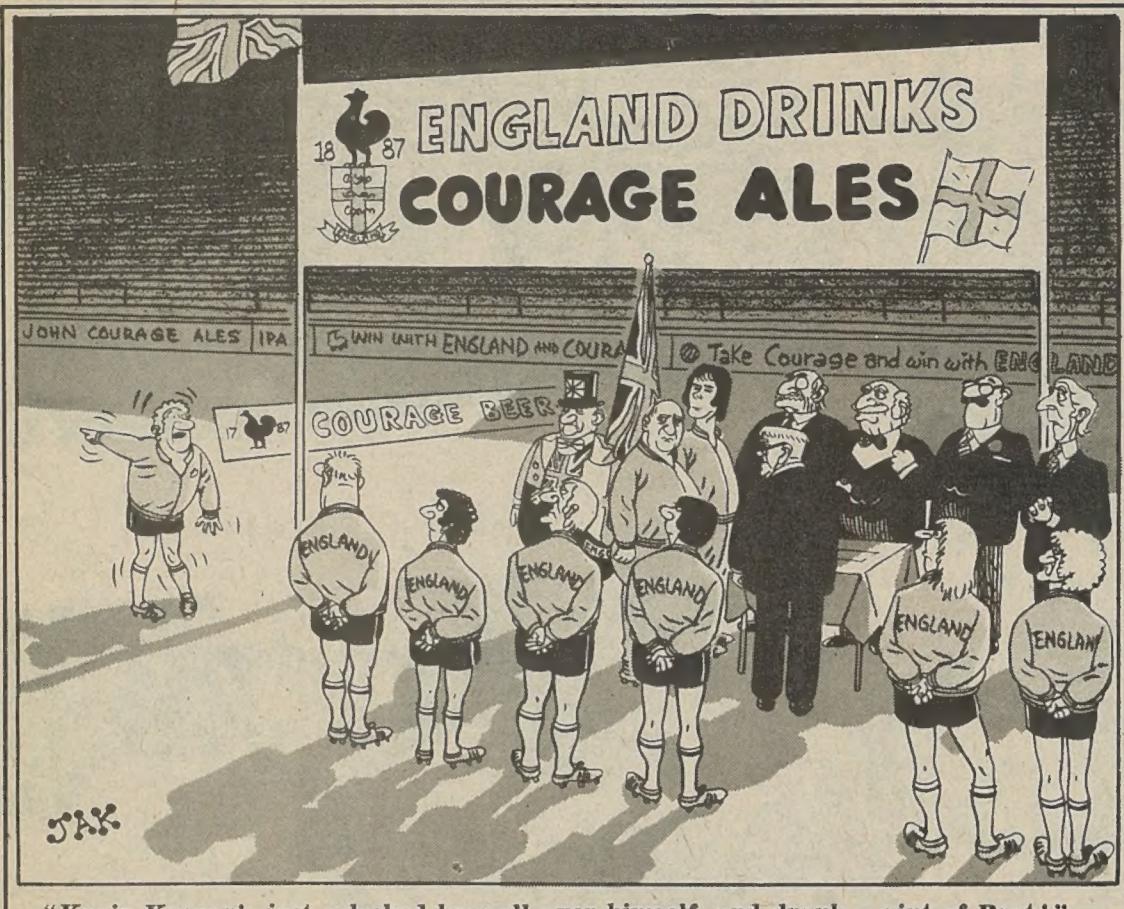
The old beef about players being money-grabbers cuts no ice with me. Our career isn't long and I see no harm in earning extra money.

I would never lend my name to a product I didn't believe in. The degree of commercial deals a player gets is relative to his ability, which is why Kevin Keegan has so many offers.

Kev is incredible, I don't know where he gets his energy from. He has many outside interests, but they don't interfere with his football. No one could say Kevin has been below par or tired, despite his demanding schedules.

Within the next couple of years





"Kevin Keegan's just splashed beer all over himself, and drunk a pint of Brut!"

From the London Evening Standard

sponsorship not harmful'



all, we haven't exactly had a poor season.

Even so, Andy came back into the team against Spurs last month and scored a well-taken hat-trick. Andy's chance will come next season, I'm sure.

It was against Spurs that I scored my second goal of the season — the first was against Stoke last autumn. This is a total that embarrasses me

"Brian Clough, Bell's Whisky Manager of the Year — the involvement of Bell's hasn't done soccer any harm, while Everton and Liverpool earn valuable income from their sponsors."

before returning to England for the hectic weeks ahead.

I'm not sure exactly when I'll be back, but Saturday week, of course, sees the Cup Final, followed by England/Argentina on May 13th.

I don't need to say how much we're looking forward to this game; I played against Argentina in Buenos Aires three years ago, but now they are World Champions, which gives the game a different meaning.

They have some fabulous players and I'll be interested to see how their new stars, notably Diego Maradona, shape up.

Too many opponents come to Wembley to defend, which has meant the loyal England fans haven't always seen exciting matches.

I'll be very surprised if Argentina sit back, because they showed during the World Cup just what a strong attacking team they are.

Excuse me while I find my suntan lotion now ...

Farquhar

somewhat because every midfielder should be looking to be near the double-figure mark.

My role means that I don't get that far forward — I tend to leave that to Sammy McIlroy and Mickey Thomas — and I haven't had THAT many chances. Even so, I should have scored more.

It's some consolation that I've had a hand in quite a few goals, but I'll be looking to improve my goal tally during 1980/81. Let's face it — it shouldn't be too difficult!

Mickey Thomas came back after injury to boost his goal-record and show what a good, attacking midfielder he is.

Big impact

We wind-up the season with a game at Leeds on Saturday and the next day we fly off to Oregon for a game against the Portland Timbers.

They're managed by Don Megson, whose son, Gary, has made a big impact with Everton this season. The Timbers recently bought the Manchester City pair Willie Donachie and Stuart Lee, and already have former League stars Clyde Best and Willie Anderson.

I'm told their Civic Stadium has new artificial turf, which I'm not too keen on, but the trip should be most enjoyable ... because after that game we're off to Hawaii for a few days.

I've never been there, but having watched Hawaii Five-O I feel as if I know every part of it! Seriously, it looks a fabulous place, ideal to rest

ALAN Ball's decision to join Southampton threatened the close relationship he had enjoyed with his father all through his football career. Ball senior told his son he was making a bad move in joining the South Coast club.

Alan says: "He thought I was wrong going to a Second Division club. Leeds wanted me even though I was 31 when I left Arsenal. My dad felt I should have gone to Elland Road but Lawrie McMenemy impressed me so much I felt he was exactly what I needed at that time."

Ball admits he was in a desperate condition when he arrived at The Dell. "There were two reasons for that — one involving England, the other to do with Arsenal and the years without success.

"I was broken-hearted when England, or rather Don Revie, stabbed me in the back after 72 caps. There are no words to describe my feelings when a letter dropped through my door one day. It was from Revie saying 'Thank you for what you have done for your country but I'm making Gerry Francis captain. However, I know I can call on you if I need you for any future games.'

"That meant any testimonials, but nothing of a competitive nature. I've still got that letter and people often ask me how long it took to get over that. I haven't

THE ALAN BALL STORY FINAL PART

recovered yet and never will.

"England meant so much to me and I know that what I did for Lawrie at Southampton, I could have continued to do for England for several more seasons.

"I knew I could still play because I was always comfortable at that level but I was forced to leave international football, and that's

what hurts."

Ball is honest about how things had got him down by the time he started life at Southampton.

"I wasn't very nice to know at that time," he says. "I was at war with anybody and everybody. I was uptight for the game had gone sour on me.

"Perhaps I didn't realise just

'I want to be boss'



After 14 years away from Bloomfield Road, Ball is set to return to Blackpool as manager, with Ted MacDougall (right) as his assistant.

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how bitter I had become. I was fed up and frustrated. I was fighting everybody, including myself.

'Lawrie McMenemy was just what I needed at that time. He picked me up, dusted me off and gave me warmth. Lawrie was the person who brought me back to being in love with the game.'

'I'd fallen out of love with foot-

factly the feelings of the older members of the World Cup team all those years before. I wondered whether I would ever go back to Wembley again as a player and I suddenly realised what they had been feeling.'

The little midfield man was a crucial factor in helping Vancouver Whitecaps win the North Ameri-

can Soccer Bowl Final last season. ball before I came under his wing, for things had become really traumatic for me at Arsenal due to the lack of success.

"I needed a challenge badly at that time and Lawrie asked me to help get Saints out of the Second Division. So when I went to Southampton, I had an aim in life again and that was just what I needed. I knew I'd lost something in my football career and once Lawrie had given it back to me, I was determined to repay him."

Ball insists it's the fact he has helped to achieve something at The Dell, that has made the last few years so good.

"When I arrived, we were a Second Division club but today, Southampton are one of the leading clubs in the First Division.

"They have signed the European Footballer of the Year in Kevin Keegan and have world class players at the club such as Watson, Channon, George, Williams and Katalinic. It has become a big club and that means we really have achieved something."

Ball went back to Wembley in a Southampton shirt for last season's League Cup Final. Saints lost to Nottingham Forest but Ball says: "I enjoyed the game more than anything and really enjoyed the day."

"The defeat wasn't such a tragedy to me because I'd had a fabulous day and didn't regret a second of it."

"That day, I understood per-

began his outstanding career.

One man might have done enough to make Alan Ball a successful manager of the future — and that man, says Ball, is Lawrie McMenemy.

"He has given me a new outlook in several ways in football and one of them is the handling of people. My tolerance level is very poor and perhaps I set myself standards others cannot follow. Now, however, I'm learning to be more patient and set reasonable standards.

"In another two or three years, I feel I could become a good manager. I will need the right backing from my chairman but I'm prepared to go out and break my neck to repay a man who has really backed me to go places.

"I do believe I have grown up a lot in the last three years thanks to Lawrie."

Ball chose the manager's job at Blackpool ahead of playing with Kevin Keegan in the Southampton side next season — "because I wanted to be my own man. I felt it was the time to branch out on my own."

So he joins the managerial merry-go-round and faces one of the toughest tests of his footballing life. Few men can walk into success in the manager's game, as such eminent playing names as Bobby Charlton, Billy Wright, Sir

Stanley Matthews and Bobby Moore have discovered.

Ball, too, must prove himself in a different job and it will be tough for the little Lancastrian, especially at Blackpool, a club which has slumped badly in recent seasons.

If there is one ambition in life, what would it be for Alan Ball Jnr., football manager? Ball thought long and hard on that one and emerged with a startling answer.

"I would like to manage Everton," he said. "It was THE club for me; it was the feeling for the people and the passion and what we had going at the time, that has always linked me with Everton and Merseyside. I am sure you could recapture that for Everton and I'd like to be the man to try and do it."

But if Alan Ball had to pick one moment, one marvellous memory from a superbly successful career, what would it be? Probably winning the World Cup Final, you would say. You'd be wrong.

'Awful'

Ball goes back to a cold, wet night in Lancashire 18 years ago, for THE moment of his entire career. "I was only 17 at the time and played for Blackpool in a Lancashire Senior Cup game against Rochdale. There were less than 100 people in the ground and the weather was awful. It wasn't even a Final, just a Second Round tie."

"But when the match was finished, I knew I'd played that night. I came out of the dressing-room to meet my father and his look and smile told me I was going to be a footballer."

"I just knew it from the expression on his face and he never gave a thing away in expressions. That is the memory I treasure more than any other in football — my greatest moment in the game."



Ball helped Vancouver to last season's NASL Soccer Bowl (left), but it was while at Southampton that he rediscovered the joys of football, helped by manager Lawrie McMenemy (right).





PAUL MARINER
Ipswich Town

SHOOT!



THE fame's the same but the game is different. Former school pals David Essex (left) and Frank Lampard have taken different paths to glory since leaving their East London birthplace. Essex, a former West Ham schoolboy, used to dream of playing for The Hammers, but became a world famous rock star instead. Lampard's voice might not have them screaming in the aisles, but in the world of football he is certainly a star.

After all David Essex didn't head the goal that took West Ham to Wembley.

LARRY MAY SUCCEED DAVE WATSON

LEICESTER City's Larry May has just one ambition in football — to become the best centre-half in England.

May's secret for success is both effective and heartwarming. It's also one that the more illustrious names in football could do well to emulate.

"Every player should always feel that he could improve his performances," said the 21-year-old defender. "That way you can't fail."

"I'm happy with my form and I'm playing well, but there is always room for improvement. I came into the Leicester side last season and everybody said: 'You played 36 times and did very well.'

"But I always felt I could have done better and the same applies to the present campaign. I may be over-critical about my own performance, but I want to reach the top."

May, strong in the air and a powerful tackler, also joins the attack and is best described as a footballing centre-half. "I'm definitely not just a stopper," he says. "I would hate it if people

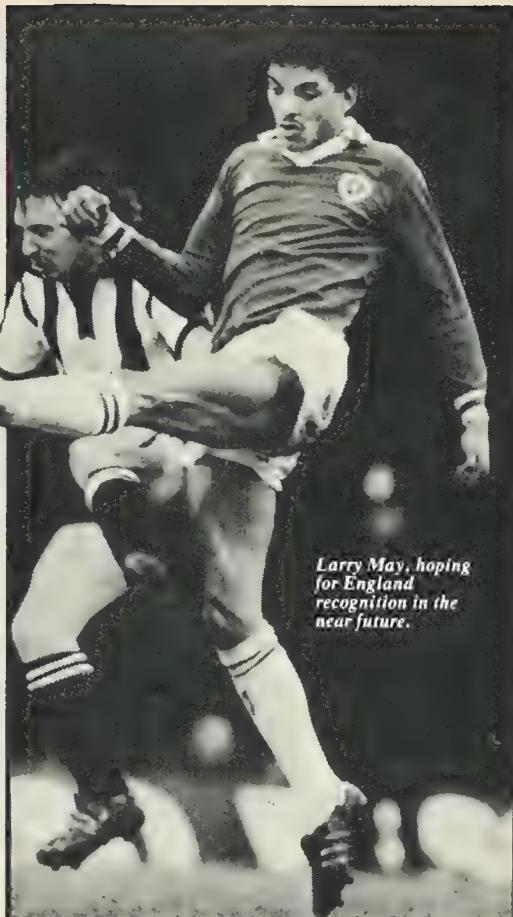
thought that; fortunately not many do. I defend well and I try to pass the ball, but I think I can improve on that and have worked very hard on that aspect.

"Manager Jock Wallace has been saying for a long time that I'll soon become an England player, rivalling Dave Watson, and that I'm the best centre-half in the Second Division, but international recognition hasn't come yet. The way I see it is that you've got to keep plugging away and hope that your chance will come."

"The people who pick the teams only seem to look in the First Division. If you haven't a big name to fall back on, then your opportunities do seem to appear limited in the lower Division."

"If we gain promotion to Division One, the hard part will be staying there. I think we're good enough for the First Division, but we've got to prove that."

"There's been a tremendous improvement at Filbert Street this season. The competition for places is pretty intense but, apart from one or two striking differences, the boss has played



Larry May, hoping for England recognition in the near future.

the same side for most of the season. Even so, Jock Wallace isn't one for hanging about. If he sees someone playing well in the reserves, then he brings him straight in. He's never scared to use youth."

"I think the boss motivates players more than anything. He's just got something that people like. As long as you give him 100 per cent, then he'll do his best for you. I don't think you can ask for more than that."

"In general, he lives for the game. I don't know many managers. He and Frank McLintock are the only two with whom I've experienced first team football."

"People say Leicester play a fast game. We like to wear people out in the first half hour. We're fit and aggressive and we do play attractive football."

'Original'

"Eddie Kelly is the captain now that Dennis Rofe has joined Chelsea. In fact, from the original team only Eddie and Mark Wallington are left at the club. Most of the present team have been brought in through the youth policy."

"Jeff Scott came from Stoke for around £75,000 and Alan Young arrived from Oldham at the beginning of the season."

"I'm not bothered who I play against. Big or small, they're all the same to me. I can handle both because I'm sharp on the ground. Sometimes I'll mark the big fellows and at other times the manager will put me on to someone small and sharp because I'm quicker than John O'Neill, the other centre half. Whoever I'm playing against, I try to enjoy the game."

"David O'Leary of Arsenal is the player who impresses me most. I've a great admiration for him and many people say I'm a lot like him."

"At Leicester Eddie Kelly always shines and Alan Young does some very good things. Tommy Williams plays his part, but he never seems to get enough recognition."

"The fans are great. They've started to come back gradually. If we have a disappointing spell, it shows in our attendance figures, but they soon return when we start winning again."

"The message is clear. If we want to fill the ground every week, then we've got to keep winning; that and promotion go hand-in-hand together."

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Hands off McLeish!

ONE year after breaking through to the Aberdeen first team Alex McLeish found himself lining up alongside Kenny Dalglish, Andy Gray, Graeme Souness, Archie Gemmill and Danny McGrain in a European Championship tie.

It was a remarkable rise to stardom for the 20 year old utility player and if the opponents on his international debut might, Portugal, thought nerves would overtake him, they were proved drastically wrong.

Scotland won 4-1 and McLeish was outstanding in his anchor role in the middle of the park.



"But I still believe my best position is at centre-half, and I think I would eventually like to settle down in that role."

'Victory'

"I think I could have played better against Portugal, but the main thing was to take part in a victory. That was just great."

The quiet-spoken giant with the delicate touch is already winning acclaim from rival players and managers for his midfield qualities, and his newly won fans must wonder just how good he can be if he prefers to play in the centre of the defence!

It was as a centre-half that former Aberdeen manager Billy McNeill, now the boss of Celtic of course, took him to Pittodrie. It looked then that he would understudy Willie Garner or Doug Roigvie, but Alex soon showed he had what it takes to hold down a permanent role.

McNeill was so impressed by McLeish in his first outings that he predicted he would some day play for Scotland. Even McNeill must have been surprised when the player got such rapid promotion.

McLeish had played only 61 first team games for Aberdeen when Jock Stein gave him the nod in his revamped side for the game against Portugal that might have meant nothing as far as the European Championship was concerned, but was absolutely vital in his rebuilding plans for the 1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

McLeish looked like a veteran against Portugal and set up the second goal for Andy Gray when he robbed an opponent and then hit an inch-perfect pass into the Wolves striker's path.

Gray shook off one tackle and then unleashed an unstoppable drive into the net and then immediately rushed to McLeish to thank him for the pass.

Obviously English clubs will be taking an interest in the qualities of the versatile McLeish, but Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson aims to keep the talented player at Pittodrie for a long time.

'Offer'

"We want to keep McLeish and we have made him a great offer," says Ferguson. "There are still one or two details to be sorted out, but I am confident we can overcome them."

One way or another Alex McLeish is going to be around the soccer scene for a long time yet, and whether it is at centre-half or in midfield, it looks as though he is going to continue to win friends and influence people with his no-nonsense mature brand of football.

Our bet is that he will become a valuable part of the Scotland international scene as well."

"It was a tremendous thrill for me to play for Scotland, but I fully realise I have a long way to go before I can consider myself a regular member of Jock Stein's international pool," he says.

"My role for Scotland against the Portuguese was similar to the one at Pittodrie where I support Gordon Strachan and the others in the middle of the park."

MORTON'S attacking double-act of Andy Ritchie and Bobby Thompson find themselves in a strange position this season.

Last term golden boy Ritchie, Scotland's Player of the Year, came so close to topping the goalscorers chart, but had to be content with second place behind Aberdeen's Joe Harper. The Pittodrie marksman netted 33 goals with Ritchie two behind.

Now Ritchie has set a pulsating pace in his quest for the top target-man title and it seems that his main opponent could be... teammate Thompson!

"It's a healthy state of affairs for Morton," says Ritchie. "The rivalry is good for both Bobby and I, but, to be honest, we don't give it a thought when we are playing."

"Of course it would be a nice bonus to finish the season as the top marksman. It would be a personal triumph, but I much prefer success to come to the club as a whole."

"There are players here who do a great job and are seldom praised. The main thing, though, is that we are one big happy family at Cappielow. It would be great to win an honour this season."

Thompson, rugged and courageous, is a vital cog in the Morton machinery. He says: "Like all players I enjoy knocking in the goals, but I am not in the game for personal glory."

"For instance, what is the point of scoring a hat-trick when your side loses 4-3? I would prefer to miss out as long as we won the game."

Thompson, like every other Morton player, is swift to praise the



Bobby Thompson

TEAM-MATES WHO ARE RIVALS

fascinating ball skills of Ritchie.

"Yes, he does things other players can only dream about," says Thompson. "He is an entertainer... a player who actually enjoys his soccer. There aren't many of them about."

Ritchie and Thompson have a wonderful, almost uncanny understanding on the pitch. They complement each other perfectly, with Ritchie providing most of the skill and Thompson the strength.

Thompson, though, is just not a hard-man. His timing in the air is exceptional and his positional sense is wonderful. We will give you two examples.

Number one... the only goal of the game against Celtic in a League match at Cappielow earlier this season, netted by Thompson. The Celtic defence were so preoccupied by the presence of Ritchie at a free-kick that they took their eye off Thompson.

Ritchie shaped to hit a shot at goal, changed his mind and slipped a delicate ball to John McNeill, running on the left. He swiftly cut it across and, with the Celtic defenders still trying to work things out, Thompson sprinted in behind Peter Latchford and in front of

Roddie MacDonald to turn the ball into the net.

Number two... Morton's fourth goal against Partick Thistle in a 4-1 victory at Firhill. Ritchie broke on the right, looked up briefly, swung over a high curling cross and with the Thistle defence back tracking, Thompson came in to head in a fierce effort.

Alan Rough did well to palm the ball into the air, but Thompson was quick witted enough to launch himself again at the ball and knock it over the line.

Those are just two illustrations of the awesome power of Thompson. We all know about the thundering, swerving, dipping efforts from Ritchie, a player who is dangerous from even 40 yards in deadball situations.

Our money is on Ritchie ending on top of the goal pile at the end of the season, but we also feel a certain Bobby Thompson isn't going to be too far away at the end of the day.

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Reginald Trim

A teacher at my old school got married last year to Reginald Trim — who played before the War for Arsenal with such famous names as Alex James, Ted Drake, and Eddie Hapgood. Can you tell me any more about him?

IAN MELLOR,
BOURNEMOUTH

Well, Ian, he skippered the England

Schools' side in 1928 — and then signed for Bournemouth, his local League club, soon after leaving school.

Some brilliant displays at full-back attracted the attention of several bigger clubs, and Reg Trim was transferred to Arsenal in the 1932-33 season.

After giving The Gunners good service, he moved on again to Nottingham Forest in 1938, and was there when War shut down normal League football the following year.



Quickest goal

I'd like to know who scored the quickest goal in an FA Cup Final at Wembley?

PETER COLLINS,
PRESTON

The great Jackie Milburn (left) takes that one, Peter.

He scored only 45 seconds after the start of the 1955 Final. Manchester City never properly recovered from that early shock, and Newcastle ran out worthy 3-1 winners.

Another quick Wembley scorer was Jim Roscamp — who got Blackburn's first goal in their 3-1 victory over Huddersfield within a minute of the 1928 kick-off.

Lowest

is it true my favourite club, Stirling Albion, hold the record for the lowest total of Scottish League points in a season? If so, how few?

ANDREW HENDERSON,
DUNDEE

Fraid so, Andrew! In Division "A" in 1954-55 — the Divisions were labelled "A", "B", and "C" at that time — poor old Stirling collected only six points from their 30 games — 43 behind Champions Aberdeen.

Their full record read — Played 30; Won two; Drew two; Lost 26; Goals-for 29; Goals against 105; Points six.

SHORT PASSES

Malcolm Macdonald scored five goals in 13 League games for Fulham; 49 in 88 for Luton; 95 in 187 for Newcastle; and 42 in 84 for Arsenal.

(GERARD MCKIERNAN, Eire)

The original 12 Football League clubs in 1888 were: Accrington, Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Bolton, Burnley, Derby, Everton, Notts County, Preston, Stoke, West Bromwich, and Wolves.

(S. DHANAPAL, India)

Billy Wright (with a total of 105) was the first Englishman to knock up a century of full caps. Others since have been Bobby Charlton (106) and Bobby Moore (108).

(EBRAHIM JADA, Zambia)

Bristol City's record League scorer is John Atyeo — 315 goals between 1951 and 1966.

(MICHAEL JONES, Cardiff)

Tim Coleman

A customer in our local claims a winger once scored seven goals for Stoke in a League game. Who was it, and who against?

JOHN JUDGE,
GLASGOW

Tim Coleman was the man, John, and he got his seven-up in an 8-0 Second Division win over Lincoln on 23rd February, 1957.

Not only is that the joint best-ever individual tally for a Second Division game, but also the record for a recognised winger in any Division of the Football League.

Q.P.R. were Third Division Champions and League Cup-winners in 1966-67, and gained promotion to the First Division the following season.

(MARTIN JONES, Hillingdon)

The scorers in the 1965 F.A. Cup Final were Roger Hunt and Ian St. John for Liverpool; Billy Bremner for Leeds.

(NICK PSYHOGIOS, Australia)

When Manchester City played in the European Cup in 1968-69, they were knocked-out 2-1 on aggregate in the First Round by Fenerbahce of Turkey.

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'T.V.'S DOUBLE STANDARDS HIT SOCCER'

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It has given Scotland a lead which we must follow.

Football North of the border needs every penny it can get and the sums which could be won out of this manoeuvre could be huge. Companies will pay big money to have their names seen on nationwide television.

Tapping the financial potential of advertising on shirts in televised matches is something which has been happening on the Continent for some time . . . and surely it is time that we caught up.

Obviously the T.V. people are happy with the current contract which still has a further three years to run, but our game might not be able to wait that long.

Football is at a crossroads and it has to get more resources from somewhere, or else we are in big trouble. T.V. sponsorship MUST come.

Mind you, there is no way we should let it get out of hand with clubs being completely taken over and new names given like Chrysler St Mirren or Hoover Celtic, and even the lettering on jerseys must be limited to say six inches in height.

I also feel the television companies can be accused of having double standards here because they allow the equipment of other sports like motor racing and athletics to be festooned with advertising.

Being progressive means moving with the times . . . and television must help football do just that.

English League secretary Graham Kelly has already admitted that he expects to see a compromise in the South next season. I hope the same goes for Scotland.

If English shirts do bear the name of sponsors next year, the pressure from Scottish clubs to follow suit will be enormous . . . big enough surely for T.V. to agree to change the current contract.

Talking of change, I was fascinated to read that F.I.F.A. are likely

to change the circumstances surrounding Law 14 of the game when they meet in Northern Ireland on June 7.

Law 14 is the penalty-kick section, and to applause from all who wear the yellow jersey, F.I.F.A. want the law changed so that goalkeepers can move along the line at penalty-kicks.

Applause from 'keepers maybe . . . but the idea does not win any laurels as far as I am concerned.

Enough penalties are missed already without making life more difficult for the guys who take the spot kicks.

After all, by the very essence of the word, defending teams are being penalised for a misdemeanor and if the law is changed so that goalkeepers can move then it is going to be no crisis giving away a spot kick.

Emotion

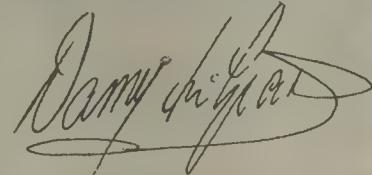
Looking at it coldly and clinically, scoring from the penalty spot should be as easy as pie. Twelve yards out, 192 square feet of goal to hit and only a man — who is not allowed to move until you have kicked the ball — to beat.

But add for example the emotion of taking a penalty against Liverpool at the Kop end in the last minute of a goalless game, then tell me if it is so simple.

And if Ray Clemence is allowed to run up and down his line, the odds become completely stacked on missing the kick, which might have been given after an attacker was clean through only to have his scoring shot handled off the line.

There are enough penalties missed as it is without making life impossible. Sure, goalkeepers move already and referees don't order retakes . . . but that is no reason to change the law.

See you next week when I'll be joining Derek Johnstone in a Special Cup Final Crosstalk.



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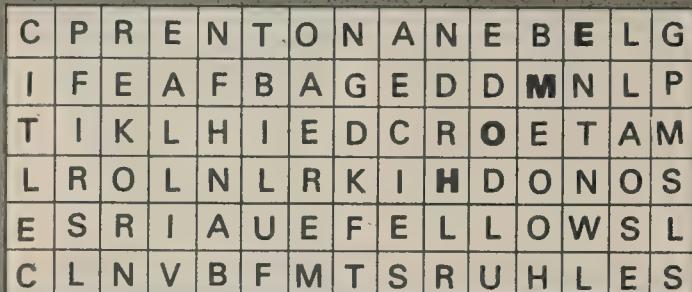
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Can you name four English League teams by breaking the codes employed in these five-letter word groups?

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FOOTBALL is such an unpredictable game — where the "impossible" often happens — that forecasters are often made foolish and end up with egg on their faces. But there is one thing that's certain, that can be taken for granted — for everyone there comes a time when the playing has to stop.

No one can continue to play at his peak for ever. The skills may remain unimpaired, but age and injuries take a toll of limbs and lung-power. The mind can be willing — although the urge to win can diminish through disenchantment brought about by the feeling "Here we go again" — but the body no longer responds with its former speed.

Today's game requires lightning-fast reactions, particularly at the top level.

In my 11 year spell in the Liver-

why they invariably command the sky-high fees — and one prospect who could turn out to have gold in his boots is Gary Shaw, the Aston Villa lad who has taken this club's fans' minds off the loss to Wolves of their former favourite Andy Gray.

An important part of Gary's armoury is his ability to shoot with either foot. He also does not appear to be overawed by opponents with big reputations and, without being arrogant, feels worthy of a place amongst the League's elite.

I'm judging him on the impressive flashes he showed against Liverpool at Anfield in the League before Christmas, and his displays on TV, and will continue to study him in our match against Villa this Saturday. The way he's shaping up, he could be giving me problems for a long time.

'BEWARE OF BEING A ONE-SEASON WONDER'

pool first team, I've seen three teams built and dismantled, and remain the only regular left from the one that lost the 1971 F.A. Cup Final to our great London rivals, Arsenal.

Football heaps rewards in the shape of high wages and glittering honours on the successful, but is a harsh taskmaster. The moment a player is no longer regarded as being capable of doing the job he's paid for, he's on his way. For those in the First Division, it can mean a step down to a lower level where the demands are not so exacting.

Tussle

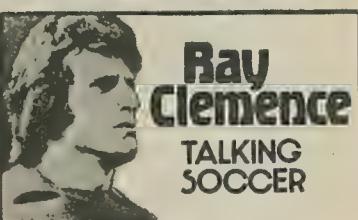
At the start of every season there are familiar old faces missing from First Division line-ups: men I've played against for years, and enjoyed many a tussle with on the field followed by a convivial drink in the players' lounge afterwards.

It's a reminder that one of these days I'll have to make way for a thrusting youngster and take my boots to a lesser club or, more likely, "emigrate" to America to play for a stars and stripes side.

But as the old stars exit, so bright new ones step on to the stage in their place.

I've been encouraged by what I've seen and heard about some of those who have appeared this season and look likely to make big names for themselves.

Goalscorers are the most sought-after players in the game — that's



Ray Clemence
TALKING SOCCER

Coloured players are becoming more and more a feature of our game. The one who has probably made most impact this season is Justin Fashanu of Norwich City, scorer of a sensational televised goal in our 5-3 win at Carrow Road in the League.

Justin is big, strong and extremely brave, willing to challenge for every ball even when the boots and fists are flying fast in the penalty-area.

He's unselfish, too, prepared to make goals for others, captain Martin Peters in particular.

Unlike most coloured men, who are lithe and graceful, moving rhythmically and without apparent effort, Justin is at times awkward-looking — like our Davey Fairclough — and could improve on his ball skills, as he'd no doubt be the first to admit.

However, I believe he'll develop in all directions under the able guidance of his manager John Bond. Mr Bond is well aware of the dangers of bringing on a player too quickly, exposing him to too much

pressure, particularly from the media, and for this reason has made him substitute on several occasions. Coventry's Garry Thompson is another in the Fashanu mould, similar in stature and character.

He's now back in the side after breaking a leg in training. This may have come about through his tendency to hurl himself around. An important lesson to learn is how not to hurt yourself when making a challenge.

Providing he steers clear of bad injuries, I'm sure he's capable of making a tremendous contribution to Gordon Milne's plans to thrust Coventry into the top six in the

'Justin Fashanu could improve on his ball skills'

First Division.

Strikers rely tremendously on midfield men to supply them with ammunition, and one newcomer in this department predicted to have a great future is, coincidentally, another coloured lad, Remi Moses of West Bromwich Albion.

Fine judge

I've not actually seen him in action, but the manager Ron Atkinson, a fine judge of a player, tells me he's added bite to Albion's midfield and is partly responsible for the side's recovery from a bad start.

I don't want to be accused of a favourable form of colour prejudice, but from amongst the promising full-backs I must single out Chris Hughton, who's had an exceptional season in a Spurs' side

struggling to find consistency.

Chris reminds me of England's World Cup winning full-backs, Ray Wilson and George Cohen, because of his ability to go forward and then, when his side's attack has broken down and their winger is racing off with the ball, to turn in a flash, race back and put in a telling slide-tackle.

Not only is he now established with Spurs, he has also been capped for the Republic of Ireland. Stevie Heighway, my club-mate, has often sung his praises.

"Over the road" at Goodison Park, Everton possess in Joe McBride a great prospect as a midfielder cum winger. It's no reflection on Joe that at times he's been taken out of the side. I suspect manager Gordon Lee's reason for this is to relieve the pressure on

five spot.

Last, but by no means least, in my selection of young stars destined to make their marks in the 80's, is a keeper, John Lukic of Leeds United.

John played against Liverpool in our second meeting with Leeds, pulling off an exceptional save from one of his own defenders, Paul Hart I think. Paul headed back powerfully, and John did wonders getting to the ball and tipping it over the bar.

Six-foot-two (he may even have eyes of blue), slim and very agile, and able not only to catch a ball but hold on to it, John seems to have all the attributes.

I spoke to him during a penalty prize competition at David Harvey's testimonial and he told me how aware he is that he's still got a lot to learn.

And that's important for everyone after making an initial impact. Otherwise they'll just join the ranks of the one-season wonders who failed to live up to their promise.

It's the second season that's the real testing time, which decides whether a player becomes an outstanding star or just someone who makes the number up.

'John Lukic admits he has a lot to learn'

Second time around he's no longer an unknown quantity. Opponents have summed him up and worked out ways of playing him. It's then he must be inventive, introduce new ideas into his game that will keep the opposition guessing.

He must also keep a level head, not be swayed by being in the limelight and feted by hangers-on. It's important, like Kevin Keegan, to keep in touch with your grass roots, continually remind yourself of your background.

Football must always come first. "You're only as good as your last game," is a maxim I'd advise every aspiring youngsters to adopt.

Talking of last games, ours this Saturday against Aston Villa was scheduled to be the climax to our League season, but the first F.A. Cup Semi-Final replay against Arsenal caused our fixture against Middlesbrough to be switched to the middle of next week.

Last year we won the Championship by beating Villa at Anfield. This year we're hoping for the same thing to happen, and that points picked up against Boro will just be a bonus.

Manchester United have run us close this time, but we at Liverpool are all confident we can retain our title once again.



him. It takes more than one season to learn to cope with the burdens imposed by playing for a club, particularly one such as Everton, desperate to escape from under Liverpool's mighty shadow.

I've felt very sorry for Tommy Caton, pitched into the First Division cauldron by Manchester City at the start of the season at the tender age of 17 and with no League experience at all.

In a side that's wobbled at the wrong end of the League table, fighting relegation instead of for honours, he's suffered a harsh baptism.

When he first played against us, he was assured, tackled and passed superbly and at times put his foot on the ball to demonstrate his command.

On the second occasion his confidence had been affected by bad results and poor displays by his co-defenders, and he tended to get flustered and just boot the ball anywhere.

But once Malcolm Allison gets City playing properly together, Tommy's confidence will return and he'll push himself forward as a claimant for the England number

FOR the Football League the 1970's were a decade of stability. By and large, the teams which began the 1969-70 season near the top of the League were in much the same position at the end of 1978-79. The League operates almost as a cast system, with teams from the lower Divisions finding it very difficult to throw off their lowly status, even temporarily.

Of the 48 teams which started the 1969-70 season in the Third and Fourth Divisions only eight ended the 1970's in a higher Division and only 11 ever reached the Second Division.

In addition, two of the newcomers to the League during the 1970's, Cambridge United and Hereford United, also reached the Second Division, but Hereford subsequently returned to the Fourth.

On the other side of the coin, 35 of the 44 teams in the First and Second Divisions at the start of the 70's ended the decade in the same Divisions, and 27 of them never left these Divisions.

In all, 13 teams spent the 1970's in just one Division. Eight of these (Arsenal, Coventry City, Derby County, Everton, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Liverpool and Manchester City) were in the First Division throughout and four (Crewe Alexandra, Darlington, Hartlepool and Newport County) never escaped from the Fourth. Walsall spent all ten seasons in the Third, but were relegated at the end of last season.

Relegated

Only one team played in all four Divisions, Huddersfield Town, who began the decade by winning the Second Division Championship and then spent two seasons in the First, but ended just 12 places above the re-election zone. Huddersfield were also the only team to be relegated three times; three teams (Brighton, Cambridge and Swansea City) won promotion three times.

Not surprisingly, Huddersfield's highest and lowest positions in the 92-team League were furthest apart, with their highest — 15th in 1970-71 — being 64 places above their lowest — 79th in 1977-78.

Liverpool were never out of the top five positions — for the past seven seasons they have not been out of the top two — and Leeds were never out of the top ten. Neither Hartlepool nor Crewe ever rose out of the bottom 14.

The most notable example of mid-table stability has been Bristol Rovers, who have invariably finished near the bottom of the Second Division or near the top of the Third. Other teams with similarly consistent records are Sunderland, Walsall and Fulham.

Of the 20,279 games played over the ten seasons, 14,457 (71.3 per cent) produced a definite result, and the remaining 5,822 (28.7 per cent) were drawn. There were 51,813 goals, an average of 2.56 per game.

The Fourth Division has been best for goals as well as for posi-

Liverpool's ten year rule



WITH Liverpool all set to clinch a record 12th League Championship title, it is clear that the Super Reds from Anfield have started the 1980's just as they ended the 70's — as the best team in Britain.

Throughout the last ten years their name has become synonymous with success. It comes as no surprise to discover that Bob Paisley's team leads the consistency table for that decade, but in a recently published survey into the form of the 92 Football League clubs, there are one or two shocks.

tive results.

Despite grumblings from some quarters that goals seemed to be getting scarcer, the lowest-scoring season was 1973-74; each of the last four seasons has produced a total which is above-average for the decade.

The question of devising an order of merit for the 92 clubs — or, at least, for the 88 who were members of the Football League throughout the 1970's — can be approached from many angles.

The fairest method to rank all teams, no matter where they began the decade, is to work out the average number of points a game picked up each, and this is used for the accompanying table (presented as points per 100 games for simplicity).

The table includes all the teams that played in the League during the 1970's, except Barrow, Bradford, Wigan Athletic and Wimbledon, none of whom played more than three seasons.

Using this criterion, Liverpool comfortably emerge as Champions, with a remarkable record of over four points in three games, nearly 57 points a season. Their average is a full tenth of a point a

game better than Leeds and although this may not sound very significant, it adds up to four points a season.

The following table shows the points per 100 games won by teams in seasons 1969-70 to 1978-79 inclusive:

Top 20

1	Liverpool	135.5
2	Leeds	125.5
3	Notts County	115.1
4	Arsenal	112.9
5	Aston Villa	112.8
6	Brighton	112.5
7	Wrexham	110.7
8	Middlesbrough	110.5
9	Derby	110.0
10	Everton	109.5
11	Manchester City	109.0
12	Manchester United	108.6
13	Reading	108.5
14	Cambridge United	108.0
15	Mansfield	107.5
16	Sunderland	107.4
17	Lincoln	106.5
18	Swansea	105.9
19	Nottingham Forest	105.7
20	Queens Park Rangers	105.5

Bottom positions

70=	Coventry	96.0
70=	Newcastle	96.0

72	Torquay	95.2
73	Bradford City	94.1
74	Charlton	93.3
75	York	93.1
76=	Doncaster	92.6
76=	Tranmere	92.6
78	Oxford United	92.5
79	Newport	92.4
80	Birmingham	91.7
81	West Ham	91.0
82	Scunthorpe	89.5
83	Halifax	88.7
84	Sheffield Wednesday	87.8
85	Southport	85.7
86	Crewe	85.0
87	Darlington	84.6
88	Stockport	83.9
89	Portsmouth	83.8
90	Hartlepool	82.8
91	Rochdale	81.3
92	Workington	78.5

Liverpool has averaged over nine points a season more than the fourth-placed club, Arsenal. Even Leed's apparent proximity to the leaders is slightly illusory, since they had a decade of two halves.

Liverpool picked up the largest number of points (569), won the largest number of games (228), and had the highest percentage of games won (54.3 per cent), over five per cent above the second team, Leeds, and almost 12 per cent above the third, Brighton.

Liverpool have also lost the fewest number, only 79, and the smallest percentage, 18.8, nearly five per cent fewer than Notts County. Liverpool's goal average over the decade was 1.97 scored for each one conceded, with Leeds second on 1.53 and Aston Villa third with 1.28.

The position is the same with regard to goal difference: Liverpool scored 311 goals more than they conceded, Leeds 232 more, and the third team, Wrexham, 142 more.

Worst defence

Liverpool also conceded fewest goals 332, while Leeds conceded 437 and the third team, Middlesbrough, 443. Rochdale conceded 696 goals and Newport 691. Liverpool were the only team to concede less than a goal a game on average — 77 per 100 games.

The team with the worst defensive record was Charlton Athletic. Lincoln City scored most goals, 701, thanks mainly to the 111 they scored in 1975-76, the highest number scored by any team in any division since Chester's 119 in 1964-65.

Leeds had the best scoring average, however, with 159 per 100 games. The team whose games involved, on average the highest number of goals was Charlton, followed by Lincoln, Northampton Town and Newport.

The greatest feast was enjoyed in the 1969-70 season by supporters of Reading, whose 46 games produced 164 goals.

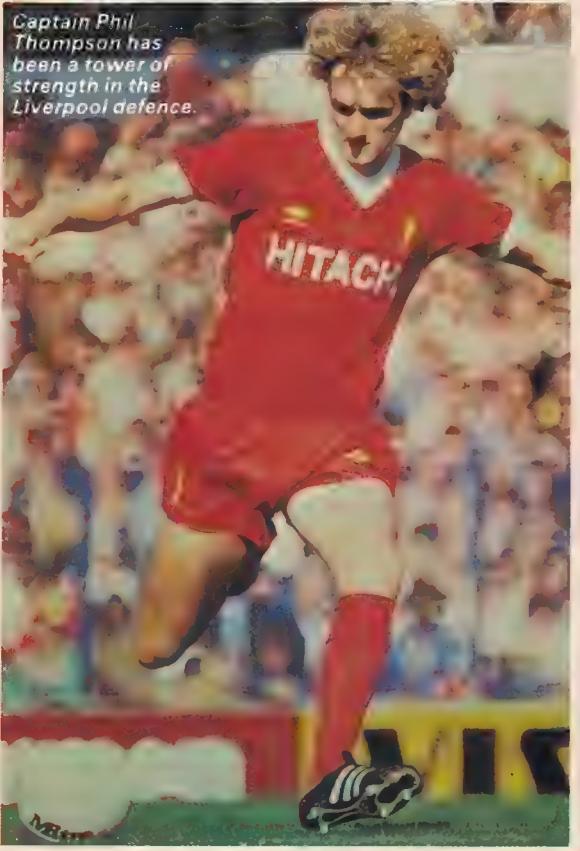
The most barren season was suffered in 1970-71 by supporters of Liverpool, whose 42 games produced a mere 66 goals, 1.57 per game.

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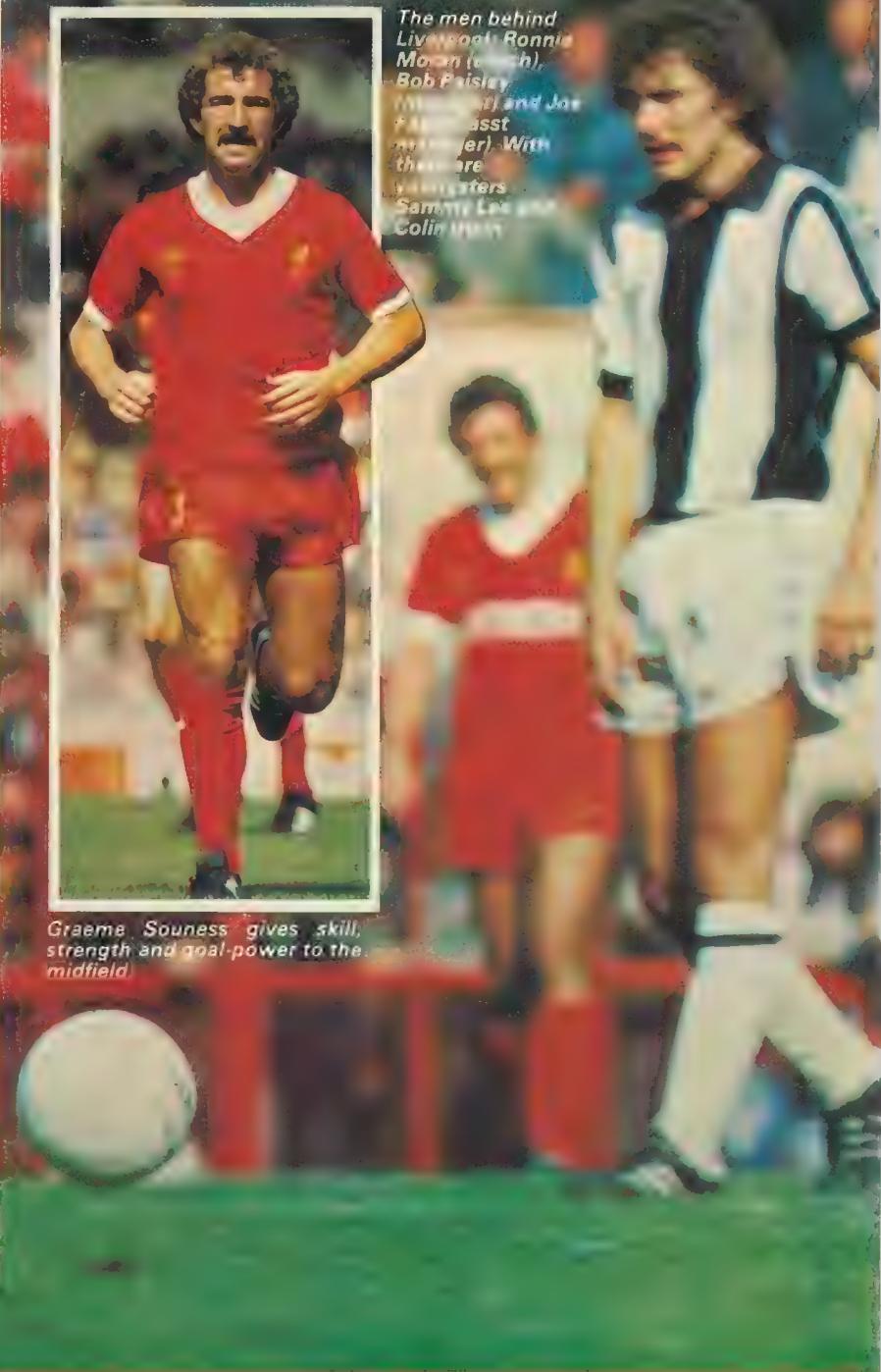
A COLOURFUL LOOK AT THE ALL-ACTION MEN FROM LIVERPOOL



Captain Phil Thompson has been a tower of strength in the Liverpool defence.



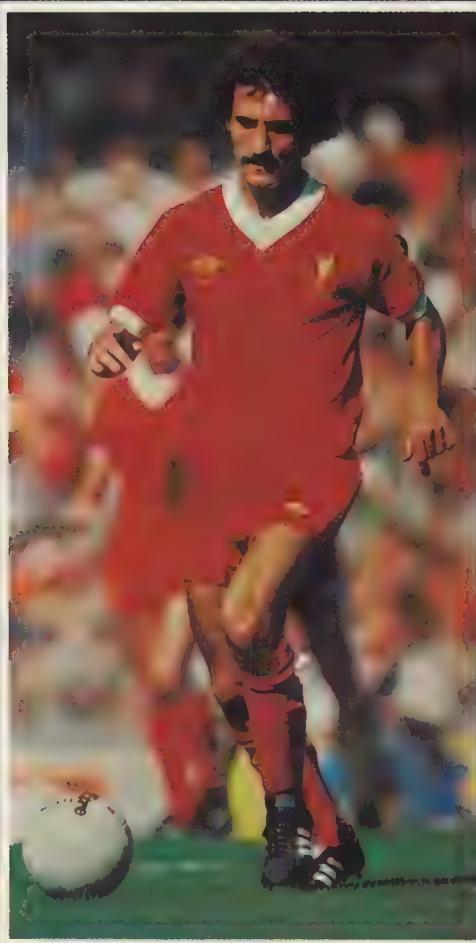
The men behind Liverpool: Ronnie Moran (left), Bob Paisley, Martin O'Neill and Joe Fagan (right). With them are goalkeepers Sammy Lee and Colin Dean



Graeme Souness gives skill, strength and goal-power to the midfield



David Johnson has had his best-ever season.



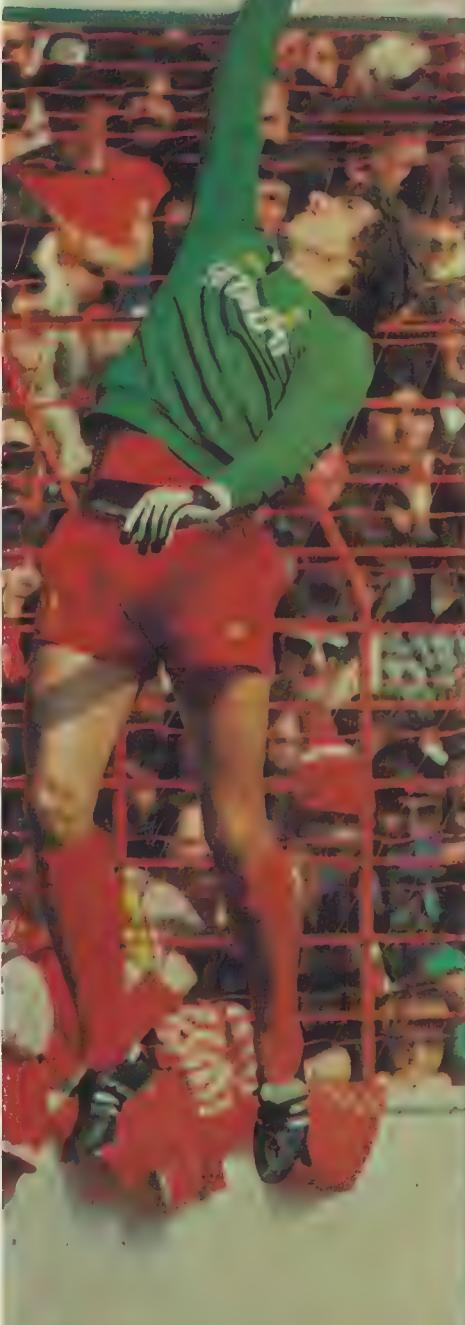
Players' Player of the Year and footballer of the year Terry McDermott has scored some spectacular goals.



The idol of The Kop . . . Kenny Dalglish, who has not missed a game since his transfer from Celtic three years ago.



Ray Clemence, in his testimonial season, has been as consistent as ever.



HERE was, perhaps, only one major blemish on the 1976 European Championship — the Final was decided on penalties.

Imagine striving for two years to qualify; to fight through the latter stages to reach the Final — and then have it all sewn-up in a few minutes on the strength of scored (or missed) penalty-kicks.

Yet that's what happened in Belgrade, on 20th June, 1976, to current World Champions West Germany and an up-and-coming young side from Czechoslovakia.

True, to avoid hanging around for a replay, both Finalists had agreed beforehand to go along with this idea — but, at the same time, surely hoping such fantasy didn't become fact.

Unfortunately, it did — and, still deadlocked at 2-2 after extra-time, the penalty tie-break came into operation.

It's now history that, after seven spot-kicks had found the target to leave the Czechs 4-3 up, the normally calm Uli Hoeneß blazed wildly over the top for the Germans — and it was left to next-man Panenka to win the trophy for Czechoslovakia.

Important

Experienced keeper Sepp Maier rightly guessed the way to do — but dived underneath the ball for the Czechs to take their first important international title ... five-to-three on penalties.

The Czechs had played neat and tidy football throughout — happily without a midfield hatchet-man, and often also without a target-man up front — with an overall team-effort in a side lacking any real individual stars.

Not, though, that they'd got off to the best of starts in the preliminaries — being comprehensively beaten 3-0 at Wembley in Don Revie's first match in charge.

Sadly, however, England's early challenge flattered only to deceive — and a point dropped both home and away to Portugal, plus a defeat in the return in Czechoslovakia, saw it fizzle out in the qualifying stages.

Malcolm Macdonald scored all the goals in the 5-0 Wembley whitewash of little Cyprus — and, no matter how lukewarm the



PENALTY DRAMAS CZECHS TRIUMPH

opposition, five goals in any international in modern times takes some doing — but there was little else memorable about England's performance, even if the Czechs only topped the Group by a single point.

Scotland also went out early in a Group won by Spain; Northern Ireland in another taken by Yugoslavia — and so it was left to Wales to carry the British flag alone in the closing stages.

With ten points from their six games, they completed their Group with a clear-cut advantage over Hungary and Austria, both on seven, and Luxembourg with

none.

Hungary, early favourites in the Group, were beaten both home and away, and the only Welsh defeat in the qualifying stages was in their opening game — with a close, and somewhat unlucky, Vienna scoreline of 1-2 against Austria.

The Red Dragon was still breathing fire in the two-legged knockout Quarter-Finals — but a 0-2 Zagreb deficit against the Yugoslavs proved too much to pull back, and the 1-1 Cardiff draw in the return saw their brave departure.

West Germany similarly eliminated Spain on a 3-1 aggregate, while the Czechs accounted for Russia 4-2.

Holland, though, had once again looked very formidable in beating Belgium 5-0 at home, and 2-1 away — before their bubble burst in the Semis.

The Czechs, steadily growing in solid confidence and competence since their early 3-0 Wembley drubbing, more than matched the exciting flair of the Dutch by 3-1 in extra-time — in an all-action match only marred by the sendings-off of first Pollak, and then Dutchmen Neeskens and Van Hanegem.

The other Semi proved to be a day of the Super-Sub — with Dieter Müller, only coming on late in normal time, grabbing a sensational hat-trick.

This also went to extra-time



1974-to-1976 COMPETITION

GROUP ONE

England 3, Czechoslovakia 0
England 0, Portugal 0
England 5, Cyprus 0
Czechoslovakia 4, Cyprus 0
Czechoslovakia 5, Portugal 0
Cyprus 0, England 1
Cyprus 0, Portugal 2
Czechoslovakia 2, England 1
Portugal 1, Czechoslovakia 1
Portugal 1, England 1
Cyprus 0, Czechoslovakia 3
Portugal 1, Cyprus 0
(Group winners: Czechoslovakia)



Malcolm Macdonald soars above the Cyprus defence to head his fourth goal for England in their 5-0 win. Supermac grabbed all five.

GROUP TWO

Austria 2, Wales 1
Luxembourg 2, Hungary 4
Wales 2, Hungary 0
Wales 5, Luxembourg 0
Luxembourg 1, Austria 2
Austria 0, Hungary 0
Hungary 1, Wales 2
Luxembourg 1, Wales 3
Hungary 2, Austria 1
Austria 6, Luxembourg 2
Hungary 8, Luxembourg 1
Wales 1, Austria 0
(Group winners: Wales)

Sweden 1, Yugoslavia 2
Norway 1, Yugoslavia 3
Sweden 3, Norway 1
Norway 0, Sweden 2
Northern Ireland 1, Sweden 2
Yugoslavia 3, Sweden 0
Northern Ireland 3, Norway 0
Yugoslavia 1, Northern Ireland 0
(Group winners: Yugoslavia)

GROUP FOUR

Denmark 1, Spain 2
Denmark 0, Rumania 0
Scotland 1, Spain 2
Spain 1, Scotland 1
Spain 1, Rumania 1
Rumania 6, Denmark 1
Rumania 1, Scotland 1
Denmark 0, Scotland 1
Spain 2, Denmark 0
Scotland 3, Denmark 1
Rumania 2, Spain 2
Scotland 1, Rumania 1
(Group winners: Spain)

GROUP FIVE

Finland 1, Poland 2
Finland 1, Holland 3
Poland 3, Finland 0
Holland 3, Italy 1
Italy 0, Poland 0
Finland 0, Italy 1

Holland 4, Finland 1
Poland 4, Holland 1
Italy 0, Finland 0
Holland 3, Poland 0
Poland 0, Italy 0
Italy 1, Holland 0
(Group winners: Holland)

GROUP SIX

Eire 3, Russia 0
Turkey 1, Eire 1
Turkey 2, Switzerland 1
Russia 3, Turkey 0
Switzerland 1, Turkey 1
Eire 2, Switzerland 1
Russia 2, Eire 1
Switzerland 1, Eire 0
Switzerland 0, Russia 1
Eire 4, Turkey 0
Russia 4, Switzerland 1
Turkey 1, Russia 0
(Group winners: Russia)

GROUP SEVEN

Iceland 0, Belgium 2
East Germany 1, Iceland 1
Belgium 2, France 1
France 2, East Germany 2
East Germany 0, Belgium 0
Iceland 0, France 0
Iceland 2, East Germany 1

before West Germany — having recovered from a first-half in which an inspired Yugoslav side threatened to tear the World Champs apart — eventually pulled back from 0-2 down to triumph by 4-2.

But it was desperately late before substitute Müller headed home the equaliser to claim the extra half-hour — during which he coolly added a couple more opportunist goals.

The Final itself — in which Emperor Franz Beckenbauer gained his 100th cap — saw the West Germans again displaying their uncanny ability to come back after all had seemed lost.

The Czech rearguard had not only held the classy German strikers, but had showed an embarrassing lack of respect for the World Champions' own defence.

Spurred on by Ondrus, the

Czechs at one stage threatened to run riot — and Svehlik and Dobias deservedly put them into a healthy 2-0 lead.

But West German football is never more potentially dangerous than when it appears to be groggy on the ropes — and sure enough first Müller, and then Höhlenbein, struck to force matters into an extra period.

With both teams understandably flagging a bit in the heat, the goal-threat diminished at both ends — and it wasn't until the rather unsatisfactory "sudden-death" penalty-decider that the net was found again.

Then it was the Czechs who triumphed as the new Euro Champions — though, watched by millions on TV, perhaps the real winner was the game of football itself.



West Germany's Uli Hoeneß (main picture) holds his head in shame after missing the vital penalty during the Final in Yugoslavia. The victorious Czechoslovakia (above) with the European Champions trophy.

France 3, Iceland 0
Belgium 1, Iceland 0
Belgium 1, East Germany 2
East Germany 2, France 1
France 0, Belgium 0
(Group winners: Belgium)

GROUP EIGHT

Bulgaria 3, Greece 3
Greece 2, West Germany 2
Greece 2, Bulgaria 1
Malta 0, West Germany 1
Malta 2, Greece 0
Bulgaria 1, West Germany 1
Greece 4, Malta 0
Bulgaria 5, Malta 0
West Germany 1, Greece 1
West Germany 1, Bulgaria 0
Malta 0, Bulgaria 2
West Germany 8, Malta 0
(Group winners: West Germany)

QUARTER-FINALS

Spain 1, West Germany 1
West Germany 2, Spain 0

Yugoslavia 2, Wales 0
Wales 1, Yugoslavia 1

Czechoslovakia 2, Russia 0
Russia 2, Czechoslovakia 2

Holland 5, Belgium 0
Belgium 1, Holland 2

SEMI-FINALS

Czechoslovakia 3, Holland 1 (after extra-time) (Zagreb)
West Germany 4, Yugoslavia 2 (after extra-time) (Belgrade)
Final (Belgrade: 20 June, 1976) (attendance: 45,000)
Czechoslovakia 2, West Germany 2 (after extra-time)
(Czechoslovakia won 5-3 on penalty decider)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Viktor, Dobias (sub. Vesely), Pivarnik, Ondrus, Cappovic, Gogh, Moder, Panenka, Svehlik (sub. Jurkemik), Masny, Nehoda.
WEST GERMANY: Maier, Vogts, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Dietz, Bonhof, Wimmer (sub. Flohe), Dieter Müller, Beer (sub. Bongartz), Hoenes, Höhlenbein.
Scorers: Svehlik, Dobias for Czechoslovakia; Müller, Höhlenbein for West Germany.

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Holland 3, Yugoslavia 2 (after extra-time)

'Cardiff must improve OFF the field'

says Steve Grapes

CONSIDERABLE work off the field needs to be done before Cardiff City can become a First Division side. That's the view of City's former Norwich winger Steve Grapes, who recently made his 100th appearance for the Welsh side.

Grapes admits: "Cardiff don't have training facilities of a sufficiently high quality to take on the First Division. We often train on the running track around our pitch at Ninian Park, or at the local park over the road. I'm sure the manager Richie Morgan knows that we need to improve those facilities to settle the foundations for a future in the First Division."

The question of Cardiff's future is particularly relevant at the end of a campaign of clear progress for the Welsh club. Relegation strutters in several recent seasons, Cardiff had no such worries this time; never rising higher or dropping lower than a mid-table position. It was a remarkable story of consistency, but Ninian Park fans are perhaps right to ask 'what now' for the future.

Cardiff have emerged as a good Second Division side with few worries of a return to Division Three, for the foreseeable future. Yet players and supporters need a bright future to motivate themselves and Cardiff know that Second Division respectability must make way for better things.

But could Cardiff do it; could they reach the First Division? "Of course, the first thing to say is, the city could take a First Division club," says Grapes. "Interest has

increased and there is little doubt that it would really bubble up if we got promotion. But I'm convinced that if you want to go up as a small First Division side of the future, and by that I mean you'll follow the example of Norwich, Stoke and perhaps even Brighton, then you've got to have good facilities off the field.

"I'm sure the manager knows that we badly need two things — a larger playing squad and better training facilities. He has often asked me about training at Norwich and I told him it was a pleasure to get up every morning.

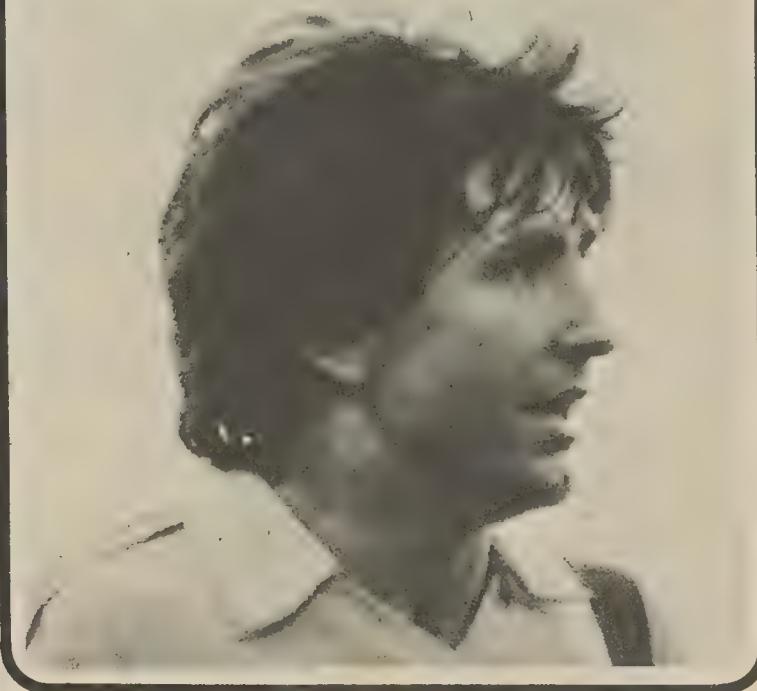
Training

"I have to be honest and admit I don't look forward to training much at Cardiff. It's not as enjoyable if you have to go to the ground every day, and never have anywhere different to train, except the local park which is muddy, uneven and hardly good enough for lads, let alone professional footballers.

"Something is going to happen at Cardiff within the next two or three years. And frankly, I don't think it would take a great deal to push this club that extra distance towards the First Division.

"There is real pride and commitment here and there are some honest lads. We do need more players to cover injuries; the squad just isn't big enough.

"But if those two points are solved, I cannot see any reason why Cardiff's future should not be a really bright one."

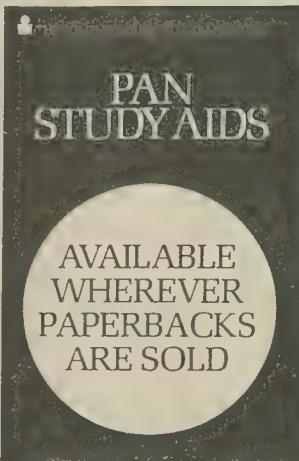


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THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO EXAM SUCCESS

FOR Howard Kendall, the man who piloted Blackburn Rovers' Third Division promotion challenge, the move into the difficult world of player-managership has been a smooth one. He says: "The playing part has always come easy to me — and I'm settling in on the other front."

But Kendall confesses that it was a wrench to leave Stoke City, for whom he turned out in 40 League matches last season, when the club from the Potteries was promoted to the First Division.

"I was happy at Stoke, where I learned a lot from manager Alan Durban. However, I'm a great believer in accepting an opportunity when it comes along at the right time, and for me, the offer from Blackburn fitted into that category. It softened the blow of quitting at the Victoria Ground, and missing the chance of playing First Division football again."

Yet if Kendall has missed out this season in appearing in the top flight as a player, the ambitious North-Easterner admits that the First Division will figure in his future plans.

"At the moment, I'm looking around for a couple of good players. We have a good squad at Blackburn, and I feel that with the addition of one or two new faces we could have a really first-class team. Our performances this season have been better than I could

KENDALL'S TARGET



have hoped for and I would make promotion to the First Division my main target for us. That's where I always liked to be as a player, and it's where I would like my club to be."

"Here at Ewood Park, we've got players who want the best, as this club has some tradition behind it. And we are all pulling together to win success."

To back up his claim that team spirit is first class at Ewood Park, Kendall compares Blackburn's present spot near the top with Rovers' situation at the end of last year.

'Promotion'

"In December, we were down at the wrong end of the table, and struggling to find our form. We didn't give up, but kept pegging away, gathering 29 points out of a possible 30 in a fine run which carried us into the promotion zone."

"But this wasn't achieved without the co-operation of everybody in the squad, something which took time to bring about and wasn't easy. It was difficult at first for the players to get used to their manager lining up alongside them on the field. Once they had become accustomed to this, we came to a better understanding all round."

"I feel I have a good bond with my players, and it's because of it

that one aspect of my job as manager is so distasteful to me — that is, telling some of them that they are no longer needed by the club. I've such a good set of lads here that it's a problem to let some of them know that we have to dispense with their services."

Does the extra responsibility of management affect Kendall's efficiency as a player?

"Not at all," he says. "On the pitch, there have never been any problems for me. But near the end of the week, as match day approaches, I must be certain that my individual preparation and training for the game have been adequate."

"I will always encourage players to express themselves, not to be stifled in their approach to the game. At the same time, we do have a system, an overall plan to which everybody makes a contribution, and we try to stick to this."

So far, Howard Kendall's tactics and soccer know-how have made Blackburn Rovers promotion candidates in his first full season of player-management. And he sums up: "What makes me happy is knowing that when we've lost, we've played well. Only two teams, Swindon and Rotherham, have beaten us convincingly. We are where we are in the League because of the efforts we've made, and intend to keep on making."

THE last player Liverpool bought from St Mirren was Frank McGarvey a year ago and we all know how that deal ended up.

International attacker McGarvey, sold by the Paisley club for £300,000, didn't play a first team game for the Anfield side and had some scathing comments to make when he returned to Celtic this season for £275,000.

"I didn't get a chance down there," says McGarvey, but his words aren't likely to be taken to heart by any other Scot who gets the opportunity to sample life with the former European Champions.

And, ironically, Liverpool's next

was the best £50,000 I have ever spent."

Liverpool have watched Thomson this season in action and have clearly been impressed by his clean handling and confident outlook.

"The boy really punishes himself in training," says St Mirren left-back Iain Munro, the international defender who came close to joining Stoke City for £250,000 earlier in the season.

"Billy goes through every routine imaginable ... and some

that probably aren't."

We fire balls at him from all angles and there is no holding back. He wants us to really hammer them. It's the same with high balls. He tells people to put him under pressure in training.

"He wants them to throw themselves at the ball just like they would during a real game. Our training sessions are something to see, believe me!"

Thomson might have picked up his first full cap recently in the belated and meaningless European Championship match against Portugal at Hampden which the Scots won 4-1.

Unfortunately, St Mirren were due to play Bristol City in the first-leg of the Anglo Scottish Cup at Ashton Gate around that time and that vetoed his chances.

But he will surely get his opportunity in one of the British Championship matches against either Northern Ireland or Wales. Alan Rough is likely to keep his place for the big one against England at Hampden because of his overall experience.

'Annoyed'

Thomson, however, has impressed everyone in training with the international squad. One big name Anglo star said: "He's quite a goalkeeper and his attitude is first class. He gets annoyed with himself when he gets to a shot, but doesn't hold it. And I'm talking about people blasting shots at him from ranges of six to eight yards where other keepers might just be happy to stay out of the way of the ball!"

St Mirren, obviously, are not keen to part with their last line of defence, who says: "I know I am still learning my trade. I learn something new every day."

"I don't let talks of a transfer unsettle me. If it happens, it happens. If it doesn't, it doesn't. It's as simple as that."

Liverpool have looked at Kilmarnock's Alan McCulloch and young John Balavage of Albion Rovers, but their number one target must be Thomson.

Ray Clemence . . . be warned!

A new rival for Clemence?

Thomson gathers safely for St Mirren under pressure from the Hibernian forwards



big splash in Scotland could be for another St Mirren player — goalkeeper Billy Thomson, once a team-mate of McGarvey at Love Street!

Thomson has matured this season into a fine goalkeeper and he is the man most likely to succeed in taking over from Alan Rough as Scotland's first-choice goalkeeper.

The irony in that particular situation is that Thomson was once Rough's understudy at Partick Thistle before being sold to St Mirren for a giveaway £50,000 two years ago.

Paisley manager Jim Clunie readily admits: "I hadn't even seen the boy in action. I needed a goalkeeper, though, and Billy's name kept coming up in conversation."

"Everyone reckoned he was just the man we could do with and I took their word and bought him. It

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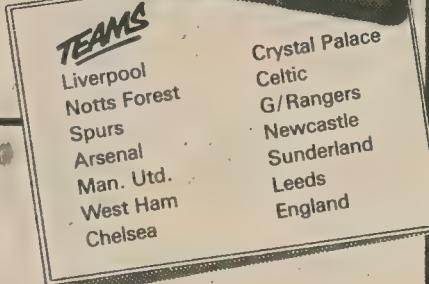
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CHARLTON'S TEN-YEAR PLAN

As soon as Charlton Athletic were relegated to the Third Division, new manager Mike Bailey (right) boldly announced a ten-year plan to make the club a top First Division outfit again.

He said: "I want to get back to Division Two as quickly as possible, at the first time of asking if possible. I'm impatient. Then I aim to take Charlton back into the top flight."

"I've assessed my playing staff and, in preparation for next season, I've been watching Third Division games over the past few weeks. I've seen nothing to worry me."

Bailey's task is far from easy. Despite Charlton's tradition, things have not gone too well for them in recent years and after two near-misses, this time relegation became reality.

The club and former manager Andy Nelson parted company amicably. Bailey has sympathy for his predecessor. "Perhaps, as Andy said, he'd been here too long. He couldn't motivate the players any more after six years. That's a long time to be at one club."

"I can still get out there and play



in five-a-sides and I hope to lift the players by my own enthusiasm. The size of the task doesn't worry me. Quite the opposite — I was given my chance as a player at Charlton and want to put something back into the club.

"The potential is here. Given the same opportunities as Crystal Palace, we would attract bigger gates than them."

"The fans here have begun to accept defeat and I must change that. My ambitions are to 'do an Ipswich', a club I admire greatly, to take Charlton out of the doldrums into the First Division and even into Europe."

Charlton have been under heavy fire from the supporters and chairman Michael Gliksten, especially has been criticised. They have apparently burnt his effigy on the terraces, while a mock coffin bearing his name has been carried around, ironically when they beat Sunderland.

He says: "It is said we sell players and keep the money. Last close season we spent £300,000 on players and the same amount on ground development.

"I am adamant that when Charlton get back to the top we will

have the proper facilities. This is why we are paying a lot of attention to off-the-field developments.

"We own our stadium and all the surrounding ground, which we could have sold off. Our nearby training centre and hostel are ours.

"If the manager wants new players he will have to sell first of all. I believe the future of Charlton is in grooming our own stars, which is why we give so much attention to things like our training ground.

"We must think positively and look ahead. I see the Third Division as a new challenge."

Improved

Gliksten has backed his views with half a million pounds of his own money and The Valley certainly has been improved over the past few years.

The problem is that a good stadium doesn't mean much when the team isn't winning.

Charlton are down, but not out. And if the behind-the-scenes activities are matched on the field, it shouldn't be long before South London has two Division One clubs . . . with First Division facilities.

A MIXTURE of home grown players, plus the addition of a couple of experienced men, could be the success formula for Coventry City next season claims striker Garry Thompson.

"This season our results have been strange, because we're a very inconsistent team," he says. "But all that could change with the crop of good youngsters coming through."

"We are all in competition for first team spots. At the moment I'm battling it out with Mark Hateley, Mick Ferguson and Tom English for the number nine berth as the main target man. There's

ing again, but I know I've a lot of work to do before I recover my best form.

"I feel more confident as each game goes by. The strength and fitness is returning, but it's a gradual process. My two best games so far have been against Southampton and Tottenham.

"I scored twice when we met Saints and my spearhead partner Tom English grabbed the other in our 3-0 victory.

"My link up with Tom is developing well. He's young, yet he has great skill at turning players. He also has the knack of scoring goals.

GARRY GLITTERS

also Clive Haywood, who is looking sharp in the reserves."

Thompson, 20, who came back into the side in February after an 11 month lay-off, made a big impact last season until injury struck.

"I'd played 21 games and scored nine goals," he explained. "I'd already been included in the England Under-21 squad against Holland, but it was called off because of snow. Then came the injury. I went into a tackle during a practice match at Ryton and fractured my right leg. That happened at the end of March just two days after I scored in our 1-1 draw at Aston Villa.

"Naturally it's great to be play-

"He's moved into digs with me, so that will help to further our understanding of each other."

Garry Thompson, born in Birmingham, joined the Sky Blues as a 14-year-old and was spotted by talent scouts during a county schools match between Warwickshire and Derbyshire.

"They came to watch Paul Dyson," he recalls, "and they noticed me as well. We must have impressed because we went for trials and they signed us both."

"Paul is making tremendous strides in the heart of the defence and he's grabbed his chance, but like myself is still coming to terms with the competitive world of First Division football."



"David O'Leary, Dave Watson and John Wile are the best centre-halves I've come across. In general, the number fives have been quite hard players, but always fair and highly skilled performers."

Thompson stands six feet tall and is the kind of player who puts himself about. "I'm quite good in the air," he says, "but just right-footed. At one time the manager didn't think I was a 90 minute player and I was inclined to run out of steam during the last 20 minutes.

'Bullied'

"But coaches Bert Edwards and Ron Wylie bullied me and brought me along. They've sorted me out. Without their help I don't think I'd ever have had a chance in the First Division."

"Ron Wylie still does it. He's always on at me to improve, which is what a good coach should be doing."

"As a centre-forward I think you have to be brave, razor sharp and always on the lookout for a half-chance. We live or die in the box. It doesn't matter how much a striker chases and harries. At the end of the season the vital question is, 'How many goals have we scored?'

"The fans at Highfield Road have really taken to me. I get a chorus of 'Garry Thompson' flowing from the terraces. They're always encouraging me. I never give up and, to be honest with the competition at Coventry City, I daren't."

"My aim is to keep my place in the first team and to score goals. Next season I'll be looking for bigger things, but I can't say anything about long-term prospects until I've really proved that I can play again."

"Next season will be the one that counts."

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Saturday, March 1
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Second Division

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hunt) 6,968
FULHAM (0) 1 (Maybank) 6,968
Notts Co: Avramovic; Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Mann, Mair. Fulham: Peyton, Money, Strong, Wilson, Banton, Gale, Gayle, O'Driscoll, Davies, Maybank, Lock.

ORIENT (0) 2 (Coates, Mayo) 5,150
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Houghton, Chedzoy, Jennings, Mayo, Margarrison, Coates. Cambridge: Webster; Turner, Buckley (Gibbins), Donaldson, Fallon, O'Neill, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Murray.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 15,613
Q.P.R.: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Goddard, Roeder, Allen, Currie, Burke. Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Hinnigan, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Elliott, Arnott, Marangoni, Cooke, Robson, Cummins.

WREXHAM (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Maguire) 12,844
Wrexham: Davies, Hill, Darracott, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus. Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.

Third Division

BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Glavin)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Beardsley) 10,116
Barnsley: Pierce; Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, McCarthy, Cooper, Hunter, Lester, Parker, Banks, Aylott. Carlisle: Swinburne; Hooleckin, McCartney, Macdonald, Ludlam, Winstanley, McVitie, Hamilton (K), Bannon, Beardsley, Hamilton (J).

BLACKBURN (2) 3 (McKenzie, Crawford, Brotherton)
BRENTFORD (0) 0 10,136
Blackburn: Arnold, Rathbone, Branagan, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton (Parker), Crawford, Garner, McKenzie, Parkes. Brentford: Bond, Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Parkinson, Booker, Graham (Alder), Phillips.

EXETER (1) 1 (Giles)
READING (0) 0 4,390
Exeter: Main; Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Roberts (P), Neville (Bowler), Rodgers (P), Roberts (L), Delve, Pular. Reading: Death; Joslyn, White, Bowman, Hetzke, Moelane, Williams, Kearns, Heale, Sanchez, Wanklyn (Webb).

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Drinkell)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 12,460
Grimbsy: Batch; Moore (D), Cumming, Waters, Wiggin-ton, Crombie, Broly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Kilmore (Mawer). Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Duncan, Bruce, Price, Hughes, Richardson.

HULL (0) 1 (Farley)
CHESTER (0) 0 5,771
Hull: Norman; Nisbet, Roberts (D), Haigh, Croft, Horswill, Tait, Roberts (G), Edwards, Deacy, Farley. Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Jeffries, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Austin pen)
MILLWALL (0) 0 4,162
Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Mann, Curtis, McClelland, Burrows, Miller, Pollard, Austin, Hamilton, Allen. Millwall: Jackson; Sitton, Roberts, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Mehmet, Shinton, Lyons, Kinsella.

OXFORD (0) 0
SHEFF. WED (1) 2 (Hornsby, Curran) 9,353
Oxford: Brown; Fogg, Watson, Briggs, Cooke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Brock, Foley, O'Dowd, Hodgson. Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Pickering, Smith, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Mellor, McCulloch, Curran.

ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Gooding, Henson 2)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp) 3,840
Rotherham: Brown; Forrest, Breckin, Tiler, Stancilffe, Green, Gooding, Halom, Fern, Henson, Rhodes. Plymouth: Crudgington; Hodges, McNeill, Randell, Foster, Philpott-Masters, Harrison, Bason, Sims, Kemp, Cooper.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
BURY (0) 0 13,641
Sheff. Utd: Richardson; Cutbush, Tibbott (Charles),

Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goeij, Buttlin, Flood, Garner, Sabella. Bury: Forrest; Constantine, Graham, Wilson (Lugg), Waddington, Howard, Madden, McIlwraith, Johnson, Halford, Hilton.

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Parsons)
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Crawford) 3,609
Wimbledon: Goddard, Briley, Bowgett, Galliers, Smith, Cunningham, Ketteridge, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Lowington. Chesterfield: Turner; Tatt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Salmon, Walker, Simpson, Crawford.

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Dixon)
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Jones) 3,593
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youden, Bennett, Crosby, Brodie, Garwood, Needham, Lucas. Torquay: O'Keefe, Twitchin, Ritchie, Jones, Pethard, Larmour, Coffill, Davies, Cooper, Wilson, Murphy.

BRADFORD C (0) 0
PORTRUSH (0) 0 9,363
Bradford: Smith; Jones, Wood, Bates, Baines, Cooper, Dolan, Chapman, Campbell, McNiven, Hutchins (Robertson). Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Styles, Brisley, Perrin, Davey, Gregory, Brown, Hemmerman, Laidlaw, Rodgers.

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Walsh)
PORTRALE (0) 1 (Sealy) 2,102
Darlington: Owens; Natress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean (Crosson), Charlton, Stalker, Hamilton, Walsh. Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Elsby, Harwood, Sproson, Chamberlain (N), Beech, Chamberlain (M), Sealy, Bromage.

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Lister)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Williams) 3,332
Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Lister, Lally, Dowd, Flanagan, Little, Warboys, Mell (Nimmo), Bentley. Stockport: Lawson; Sherlock, Rutter, Thorpe, Bradd, Edwards, Galvin, Czuczmar, Prudham, Williams, Coyle.



Doncaster Rovers' Steve Lister.

HARTLEPOOL (1) (Hampton)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Kellock, Syrett) 2,854
Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr, Lawrence, Fagan, Brown, Linacre, Houchen, Newton, Vass, Hampton. Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Guy, Slough, Foster, Quow (McVay), Kellock, Cliss, Syrett, Cassells.

HEREFORD (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Bowen) 2,299
Hereford: Hughes; Thomas, Burrows, Spiring, Layton, Hunt, Feeley, Holmes, Binney, McGrealis, White. Northampton: Poole; Walker, Sandcock, Byatt, Gage, Farrington, Denyer, Sandy, McCaffrey, Bowen, Sargent.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Robins, Hanvey)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 7,740
Huddersfield: Rankin; Brown, Purdie, Stanton, Sutton, Hanvey, Laverick, Hart, Cowling, Kindon, Robins. Bournemouth: Smeulders; Miller, Allen (Borthwick), Cunningham, Impey, Moore, Holder, Hefferman, Butler, Massey, Evanson.

ROCHDALE (0) 0
CREWE (0) 0 1,820
Rochdale: Watson; Weir, Cliff, Scaife, Waldron, Taylor, Esser, O'Loughlin, Jones, Seal (Bannon), Hilditch. Crewe: Grobbelaar; Wilkinson (Davis), Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Proppert, McMahon, Guy, Coyne, Palios, Nelson.

WALSALL (1) 2 (McDonough, Buckley)
HALIFAX (0) 0 5,859
Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella (Williams), Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

Halifax: Kiner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Goodman, Firth, Kennedy, Dryhurst, Hendrie (Burke), Staf-ford.

YORK (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 1 (O'Neil) 2,327
York: Crawford; Hood, Walsh, McGhie, Faulkner, Cle-mens, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Ferreebae (Ford). Tranmere: Johnson; Parry, Mungall, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, Flood, O'Neill, Kelly, Beamish, Peplow.

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Jarvie)
PARTICK (1) 1 (Melrose) 9,000
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McMaster, McLeish, Rou-gie, Miller, Strachan (Watson), Archibald, Hamilton, Jarvie, Scanlon. Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, O'Hara, Doyle, Gibson, Jardine, Melrose, Wilson (McDonald).

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Shirra)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Sturrock) 15,110
Dundee: Donaldson; Barr, Schaefer, McGauchie, Glennie, Shirra, Mackie, Millar, Fleming, Sinclair, Murphy. Dundee Utd: McAlpine; Phillip, Kopel, Addison, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Holt, Tully, McConkey.

KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Mauchline)
ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Logan) 7,500
Kilmarnock: McCulloch; Welsh, McLean, Clark, Clarke, McDicken, Houston, Mauchline, Gibson, Crandon (Carney), Street. St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Logie, Beckett.

MORTON (0) 0
CELTIC (1) 1 (Doyle) 20,000
Morton: Baines; Miller, Holmes, Anderson, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil (Tolmie), Brown, Thomson, Hutchinson, Ritchie. Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrath, McAdam, MacLeod, McDonald, Provan, McFuskey, Lennox, Casey, Doyle.

RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone)
HIBS (0) 0 30,000
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Smith, Forsyth, Stevens, Cooper, Russell (MacDonald A), Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald (J). Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Lambie, Cormack, Paterson, Rae, Callaghan, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, Best (Higgins), Casey, Doyle.

CLYDE (0) 0
RAITH (0) 4 (Harrow 2, Ballantyne 2 pens) 850
Clyde: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrath, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, McFuskey, Lennox, Casey, Doyle.

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Ronald)
MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Soutar 2, 1 pen) 2,000

DUMBARTON (0) 0
AYR (0) 3 (Morris 2, McSherry) 1,500

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
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SCOTTISH SECOND

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Elvin)
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QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 700

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Robb pen)
COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Marshall) 500

Q. O S (1) 3 (Phillips 2, Robertson)
ALBION (1) 3 (Houston 2, Leishman) 750

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jenkins)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (McDowell) 1,500

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Hay)
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 '300

Irish League

BALLYMENA UNITED (0) 1 (Malone)

CLINTONVILLE (1) 1 (Mills (pen))

Ballymena Utd: White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, Jess, Mullan (P) (Scott), Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Mullan (G).

Clintonville: Johnston; McGuirk, Largey, Mills, Quinn, McCurry (Holden), McAteer, McCusker, Alexander, Kingon, O'Connor.

BANGOR (0) 0

DISTILLERY (0) 1 (McAlinden)

Banger: Nicholson; Kennedy, McKimm, Larmour, Magill, Rollins, McLoughlin, Barrett (Redcliffe), McCubrey, Duddy, Cummings.

Distillery: Smith; Andrews, Keatley, Greer, McElhinney, McAuley, Kerr, Ferris, McAlinden, McMinn, Cowden.

COLERAINE (2) 2 (Dickson, Platt)

ARD'S (0) 0

Coleraine: Magee; McDowell, McNutt, Beckett, Butcher, McCandless, Mahon, Healey, Platt, Dickson, Moffett (Mulland).

Ards: Craig; Mouray, Cromie, McVicker, Connolly, Walker, Hewitt, Martin, Hall, Foster, Reid (McCoy).

CRUSADERS (0) 0

GLENNAVON (0) 0

Crusaders: McDonald; Thompson, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McPolin, Patterson, Currie (McKiernan), King, Rice.

Glenavon: Lennox; Sheppard (McDonald), McGuigan, McCann, Clarke, Donnelly, O'Kane, Malone, Armstrong, Tully, McConkey.

LINFIELD (1) 2 (Jameson, Rafferty)

LARNE (0) 0

Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jameson, Rafferty, McKeown, Nixon, McKee, Feeney (McCurdy), Dornan, Anderson.

Larne: Coburn; Galway, Cleland, McGlenaghan, Garland, Graham, McAuley, Wilson, Dornan, Higgins, Adair.

PORTADOWN (0) 1 (Gordon)

GLENTORAN (1) 1 (Blackledge)

Portadown: McCollum; Smyth, Edgar, Wilson, Kilbourn, Donegan, Gordon, Cleary, Quinn, Campbell, Graham.

Glenstor: Mathews; McCrea (Rab), Strain, Porter, Moore, Gracey, Manley, McCormick, Byrne (M), Blackledge, Ervine, Carleton.

Sunday, March 2

League of Ireland

ATHLONE TOWN (0) 0

FINN HARPS (0) 1 (Minnock)

Athlone Town: Smyth; Fenius, McCue, Fullam, Conway (T), O'Connor, Conway (J), Clarke, Salmon (Larkin), Devin, Davis.

Finn Harps: McDermott; Duffy, McDowell, Sheridan, Mongle, Collins, Logan, McCool, Minnock, McGroarty, McGroarty.

CORK UNITED (0) 0

BOHEMIANS (2) 3 (Byrne, O'Riordan, Joyce)

Cork United: Ludic; Punch, Sheehan, Madden, Brohan, Keane, Donwell, Neiland, Lane (J), Waters, Lane (R). Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Brady, Kelly, Keogh, O'Riordan (Eviston), Lawless, McCormack, Byrne (M), Joyce, Whelan.

DROGHEDA UNITED (0) 1 (Doran)

WATERFORD (1) 1 (Madigan)

Drogheda United: Forrestal, Hauthey, Cameron, Campbell, Ferguson, Byrne, Doran (Martin), Myers, Tuite, Freaney, Carthy.

Waterford: Thomas; Jackson, Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy, Meagan, Kirk, Madigan, Wallace, McCarthy, Murray (Carey).

HOME FARM (0) 1 (Archbold)

SHELBOURNE (0) 0

Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, King, Breslin, Brady, Thomas (Stephens), Cervi, Neville, Craig, Archbold, McCluskey.

Shelbourne: Condon, Martin, Kearney, McMahon, Cleary, Boyle, Nugent, Brunton, Donnelly (Gavin), Moody, Dillon (Reid).

LIMERICK UNITED (0) 0

ST. PATRICK'S ATHLETIC (0) 0

Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Nolan, O'Mahony, Storan, Fitzgerald (Ryan), Hand, Meaney, Walsh, Morris, Delamere (Kennedy), Duggan.

St. Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Wright, Roche, Daly, O'Connor, O'Donnell, Hynes, O'Neill (Malone), Jameson, Barry.

SHAMROCK ROVERS (1) 1 (Campbell)

DUNDALK (0) 1 (Fairclough)

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Byrne, Synott, Gannon, O'Leary, Maher, Campbell, Treacy, Gaffney, Buckley.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Lawlor, Mangan (McKenna), Dunning, Flanagan, Byrne, Daly (Fairclough), Duff, Braddish, Muckian.

SLIGO ROVERS (1) 2 (Skeffington, Bradley)

THURLES TOWN (2) 2 (Steedman, Lyons)

Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, O'Doherty (D), O'Doherty (G), Sheridan, Rutherford, McLoughlin, Patton, Mannion (Bradley), Kennedy (Cavanagh), Skeffington.

Thurles Town: Dalton; Doran, McQuaid, O'Brien, Tierney, Heffernan, Steedman, Lawson, Lyons, Ingoldsby, Sheehy.

UCD (1) 1 (Cassidy)

GALWAY ROVERS (1) 2 (Cassidy, McLoughlin)

UCD: McCabe; McKeown, Fox, McShane, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy, Moran, Drury, Dignam, Murphy. **Galway Rovers:** Lally; McDaid, Murphy, Herrick, O'Donovan, McLoughlin, Gaynor, Nolan (Cooke), Cassidy, Humphries, Fay.

Monday, March 3

First Division

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Clarke)

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Evans) 23,077

Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, McNab, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain (Ormsby), Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Bullivant.

Scottish First

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Gahagan, Kidd)

HAMILTON (1) 1 (McManus) 3,616

Tuesday, March 4

European Under-21 Championship

(Quarter-Final second-leg)

SCOTLAND (0) 0

ENGLAND (0) 0 (at Aberdeen) 24,000

Scotland: Thomson; Dawson, Fulton, Stewart, McNichol, McLeish, Bannon (Richardson), Wark, Archibald, Brazil, Melrose.

England: Bailey; Wright, Sansom, Robson, Osman, Butcher, Hoddle, Crooks (Hilaire) Regis, Owen, Reeves.

Second Division

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Atkinson, Wylde)

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Arins) 9,519

Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Hurst, Hilton, Wylde, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Busby (Cavener), Overton (V), Dixon, James, Robinson, Hamilton, Jakub, Smith.

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Giles 2)

LUTON (0) 0 12,785

Swansea: Stewart; Robinson, Rushbury, Phillips, Marustik, Giles, Craig, James, Charles, Toshack, Callaghan.

Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Greash, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

Third Division

BARNESLEY (0) 0

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 13,180

Barnsley: Pierce, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Hunter, McCarthy, Cooper, Parker, Aylott, Lester, Speedie.

Rotherham: Brown; Forrest, Breckin, Tiler, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, Rhodes, Halom, Fern, Henson.

BURY (0) 0

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 2) 2,894

Bury: Forrest; Constantine, Graham, Lugg (Whitehead), Waddington, Howard, Halford, Mullen, Johnson, Hilton, Madden.

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Ludlam, Winstanley, McVitie, Houghton, Bannon, Hamilton, Beardsworth.

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Duncan)

HULL (0) 0 4,161

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Barker, Overton, Weatherly, Crabb, Bruce, Hughes (Westwood), Price, Duncan, Richardson.

Hull: Norman; Nisbett, Horswill, Croft, Roberts (D), Haigh, Roberts (G), Tait, Edwards, Deacy, Farley.

MILLWALL (4) 6 (Tagg, Shinton 2, Towner, Lyons 2)

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rowland, Sitton o.g.) 6,472

Millwall: Jackson; Sitton, Roberts, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, (Coleman), Towner, Seasman, Shinton, Lyons, Kinsella.

Swindon: Allen; Lewis, Peach, McHale, Tucker (Carsten), Stroud, Bates, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

Fourth Division

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Ball)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Keeley) 1,935

Darlington: Owers; Natress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Hamilton, Walsh.

Lincoln: McManus, Thompson, Neale, Shipley, Saunders, Carr, Hobson, Keeley, Harford, Turner, Bell.

HALIFAX (2) 2 (Smith 2)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Byatt) 1,377

Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Goodman, Firth, Kennedy, Burke, Whiteley (Dryhurst), Smith.

Northampton: Poole; Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Gage, Farrington, Denyer, Sandy, McCaffrey, Bowen, Sargent.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (O'Berg)

CREWE (0) 1 (Nelson) 1,903

Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Deere, Oates, Pilling, Pugh, Cammack, Green (Cowling), Partridge, O'Berg.

Crewe: Grubba; Lewis, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Prophett, McMahon, Guy, Davies, Palios, Nelson.

TRANMERE (0) 0

WALSALL (1) 1 (Penn) 2,903

Transmere: Johnson; Parry, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neill, Mungall, Kelly (Lumby), Beamish, Peplow.

Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Williams, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 1 (Leishmann)

E. STIRLING (1) 4 (McCulley pen, Bennett, Lamont, McCraig) 493

ALLOA (0) 2 (McIntosh, Hamilton pen)

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Downie) 575

COWDENBEATH (1) 3 (Marshall, Forrest, Steele (W))

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Hunter (B) o.g.) 400

QoS (0) 0

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0

Wednesday, March 5

European Cup

(Quarter-Final first-leg)

NOTTM FOREST (0) 0

DYNAMO BERLIN (0) 1 (Riediger) 27,946

Nottingham: Shilton; Gunn, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowles, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

Dynamo: Rudwaleit; Noack, Trieloff, Troppa, Lauck, Strasser, Terletzki, Ullrich, Reidiger, Pelka (Schulz), Netz (Brillat).

CELTIC (0) 2 (McCluskey, Doyle)

REAL MADRID (0) 0 67,000

Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, McDonald, MacLeod, Proven, Lennox, McCluskey, Doyle.

Real: Garcia Remon; Sabido, Camacho, Garcia Hernandez, Benito, Del Bosque, Juanito (Roberto), Angel, Santillana, Steilke, Cunningham.

Cup-Winners' Cup

(Quarter-Final first-leg)

SHELBURNE (0) 0

SHAMROCK ROVERS (0) 0

Shebourne: Condon; Martin, Boyle, Cleary, Carney, Brunton, Moody (Conlon), McMahon, Nugent, Donnelly, Dillon.

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Synott, O'Leary, Byrne (T), Maher, Gannon, Gaffney (Byrne, E), Bayly, Campbell, Buckley.

Scottish First

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Wilson)

STIRLING (2) 3 (Kennedy (A), Kennedy (J), Armstrong) 630

Scottish First

ARBOATH (1) 1 (Wilson)

STIRLING (2) 3 (Kennedy (A), Kennedy (J), Armstrong) 630

Bass Irish Cup

(Quarter-Final second replay)

R.U.C. (1) 1 (Bell)

COLERAINE (0) 0

Friday, March 7

League of Ireland

SHELBOURNE (0) 0

SHAMROCK ROVERS (0) 0

Shebourne: Condon; Martin, Boyle, Cleary, Carney, Brunton, Moody (Conlon), McMahon, Nugent, Donnelly, Dillon.

Shamrock Rovers: O'Neill; Kenny, Synott, O'Leary, Byrne (T), Maher, Gannon, Gaffney (Byrne, E), Bayly, Campbell, Buckley.

Saturday, March 8

F.A. Cup

(Sixth Round)

EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford, Kidd)

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Beattie) 45,104

Everton: Wood; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Eastoe, Megson, King, Latchford, Kidd, McBride.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thissen, Osman, Butcher, Wark (Beattie), Muhran, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

Gothenburg (stripes) under pressure from Arsenal during their Cup-Winners' Cup game at Highbury.



Third Division

READING (1) 3 (Kearns 3, Bowman)

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 5,246

Reading: Death; Joslyn, White, Bowman, Hetzke, Morelino, Earles, Kearns, Heale, Sanchez, Wanklyn.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Bowley, Gelliers, Smith Cunningham, Denny, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Ketteridge.

Fourth Division

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Syrett, Robson)

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Stapleton 2) 28,000

Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison (Patching), Booth, Sims, Bolton, Biissert, Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland (Gatting), Stapleton, Price, Rix.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Stewart pen.)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 36,393

West Ham: Parkes; Lampard, Brush, Stewart, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

Villa: Rimmer; Linton, Gibson, Ormsby, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Bullivant.

Tottenham (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (McDermott)

48,033

Tottenham: Daines; Hughton, Miller, Villa (Pratt), McAllister, Perryman, Ardiles, Falco, Armstrong, Hoddle, Yorath.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalgliesh, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

First Division

COVENTRY (0) 0

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Barnes 2, 1 pen.)

23,287

Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Phillips, Dyson, Gillespie, Van Gool, English, Thompson, Blair (Hunt), Hutchison.

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendry, Moses, Wile, Roberts, Robson, Deegan, Regis, Owen, Barnes.

C. PALACE (1) 3 (Gilbert, Hilaire, Murphy)

BOLTON (0) 1 (Jones)

18,728

C. Palace: Fry; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy, Francis, Walsh, Flanagan, Hilaire.

Bolton: McDonagh; Clement (Graham), Burke, Nicholson, Jones, Walsh, Nowak, Whatmore, Thompson, Wilson, Reid.

DERBY (2) 2 (Biley, Osgood)

STOKE (2) 2 (Cook 2)

22,695

Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Powell (S), McFarland, Osgood, Emery, Powell (B), (McCaffrey), Biley, Swindles, Emson.

Stoke: Fox; Evans, Doyle, Richardson, Smith, Dodd, Johnson (P), Heath, Chapman, Crooks, Cook.

LEEDS (2) 2 (Hart, Parlante)

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0

21,169

Leeds: Lukic; Hird, Parkinson, Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray, Chandler, Connor, Parfane, Graham.

Southampton: Wells, Golac, Waldron, Baker, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard (McGrath).

NORWICH (0) 2 (Reeves, Taylor)

BRIGHTON (2) 2 (Horton, Lawrenson)

15,640

Norwich: Hansbury; Bond, Symonds, Mendham, Jones, McDowell, McGuire, Reeves, Taylor, Padden, Peters.

Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, McNab, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan (Stevens).

Second Division

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Barrowclough pen)

ORIENT (2) 2 (Mayo, Jennings)

5,798

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Cooper, Bater, Taylor, Aitken, Barrowclough, Williams, Penny, Mabbitt, Pulis.

Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Houghton, Chiedozie, Jennings, Mayo, Margrison, Coates.

BURNLEY (0) 0

O.P.R. (2) 3 (Gillard, Allen, Shanks)

7,490

Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Dixon, Overton (V), Overton (R), Cavener, James, Hamilton, Jakub, Smith.

O.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Gillard, McCreevy, Wicks, Hazel, Goddard, Roeder, Allen, Currie (Hill), Burke.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

6,908

Cambridge: Webster; Turner, Christie, Donaldson, Fallon, Gibbons, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Murray.

Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Boam, Bird, Walker, Cartwright, Withe, Hibbit, Shinton.

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Stevens 2, Buchanan)

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Hales)

6,652

Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Lewis, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Bishop (Buchanan), Stevens, Moore, Ronson, Grapes.

Charlton: Johns; Campbell, Warman, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Hazell, Hales, Robinson, Walker, Gritt.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Lock pen)

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Walker 2)

22,348

Fulham: Peyton; Money, Strong, Lock, Brown, Davies, Gayle, Marinello, Maybank, Gale, O'Driscoll.

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'WE CAN WIN IN ROME'

KEVIN KEEGAN England

SHOOT: If you were given the opportunity to stage manage the Final of the European Championship in Rome on June 22nd, which teams would you line-up for the big match?

KEEGAN: My dream Final would be England against West Germany. It would be a classic because both teams are attack minded. Tony Woodcock and I would also have the advantage of knowing the strengths and weaknesses of our opponents.

SHOOT: How well prepared are England for the Finals?



KEEGAN: Our 2-0 victory over Spain in Barcelona was a tremendous confidence booster. To go away and attack like a team playing at home is not easy in international football, but we achieved just that. We were given a taste of the tough tackling we could face in Italy and the England players showed enormous responsibility in not retaliating. I would say we are as well prepared, if not better, than Alf Ramsey's team before the World Cup Finals in 1966.

SHOOT: What pleases you most about the current England team?



Tony Woodcock (below) could be a key player in the European Championship.

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marking Francis, Woodcock, Coppell and me and believing they have England collared. What happens? Wilkins comes through, or Kennedy creeps up the left. We have so many options, we should trouble them all.

SHOOT: Tony Woodcock gave an inspired performance against Spain, so could he become a key player in the Championship?

KEEGAN: No doubt about it. Tony showed great ability at Nottingham Forest but his experience in West German League football with Cologne has boosted his confidence immeasurably.

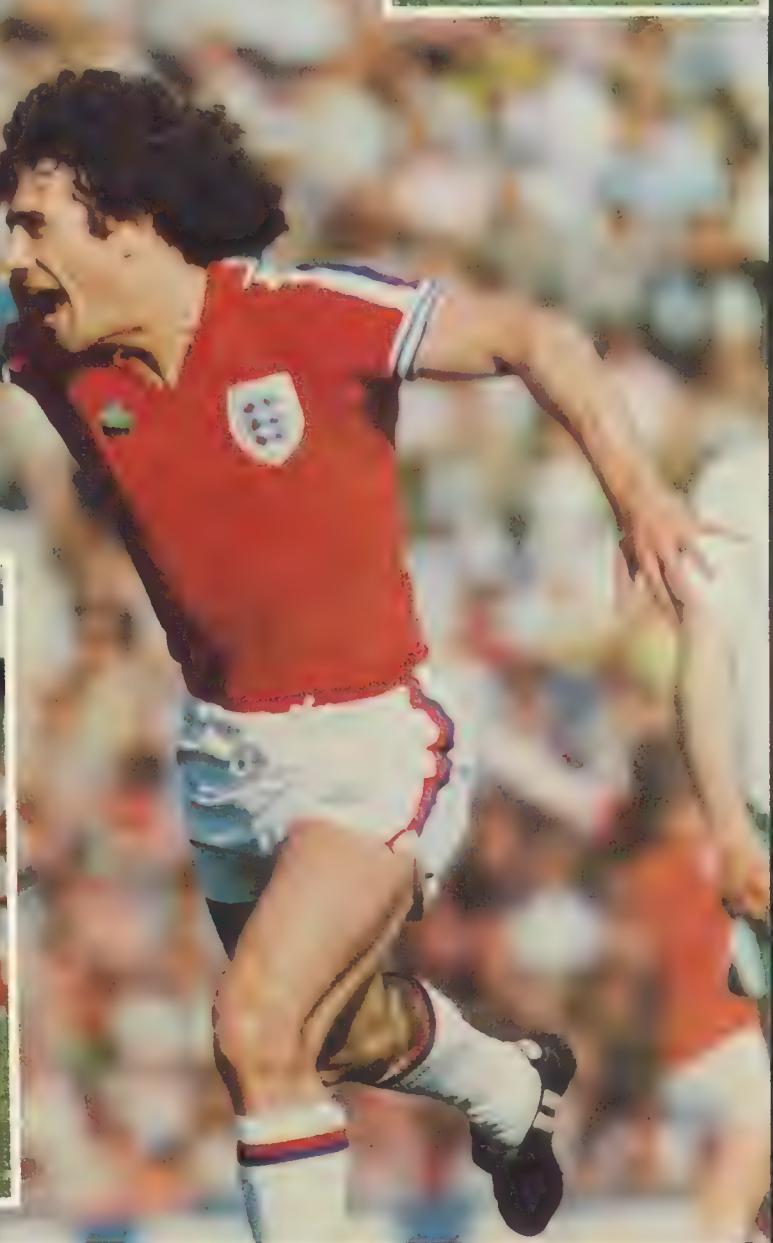
SHOOT: Trevor Francis?

KEEGAN: Trevor's arrived. He's had problems in establishing him-

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Ray Wilkins is Mr Consistent.



'WE CAN WIN IN ROME'

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self at international level, but then so have we all. It's a curious fact that some of the players who struggle most when they first play for England go on to become great players. One of Francis's assets is that he rarely gets injured and misses games. He was black and blue after the rugged Spanish tackling but showed no ill effects the next morning.

SHOOT: What about Ray Wilkins' influence on the England team and his prospects for Italy this summer?

KEEGAN: Ray has come to terms with himself. He is Ron Greenwood's anchor man. He keeps the machine ticking over, a vital job. He's a lovely passer, works hard, knows his limitations and plays to his strengths. What's more, he's consistent.

SHOOT: The experts are tipping Italy, West Germany and England to do well in Italy, but which nations could spring a surprise?

KEEGAN: Belgium could give us a tough time in our group. People are saying that England's toughest game could be to beat Italy in Turin. They're probably right, but let's not forget that England have developed a psychological supremacy over the Italians since beating them 2-0 at Wembley in Ron Greenwood's third game as manager. From my privileged position encamped in West Germany, I can tell you that they're beginning to rate us on the Continent. The reason is that England are scoring goals.

SHOOT: Is it fair to expect peak performances from England's players after a marathon season of League and Cup football?



It will be difficult to pass in Italy



Steve Coppell
below: Steve Coppell
(below) in action
England vs. Italy

KEEGAN: Listen. We have waited for this opportunity to re-establish ourselves as a major force in world football. We are fed up with people telling us how bad we are.

SHOOT: No one leads a more demanding lifestyle than you. Can you really cope with all the pressures without them affecting your preparation for the Championship?

KEEGAN: Despite what people think, I can now maintain a level of performance. One of the reasons I'm so pleased to be associated

Germany meet Czechoslovakia in the opening game. Both play good football and I can't see them kicking each other to death. I'm hoping that will set the pattern. England are clearly not cut out for rough-house tactics. I hope the refereeing is strong. I would like to see more yellow cards waved in the first five minutes. Thankfully, the best officials in Europe will be in control, a comforting thought. Let's not forget that football is a physical contact game.

SHOOT: No doubt you will receive a hot reception from the Italians for declining to join Juventus?

KEEGAN: I hope they understand my reasons for joining Southampton. If they don't and I get booed, it will motivate me. If football fans boo you, it's a sign of respect. I hope they boo.

SHOOT: You've played 50 games for England in seven years. How do you rate the current side?

KEEGAN: It's the best I've played in. And it's fun. Ron Greenwood inspires confidence and tremendous spirit. It feels as if we spend about 15 minutes weighing up the opposition and then plan our own campaign.

SHOOT: Do you mean that Ron Greenwood skimps his homework on the opposition?



KEEGAN: Oh no. It's just that Ron prefers the other team to worry about us. We're attack minded. It's the way most footballers want to play, contrary to opinion that we enjoy stifling negative tactics. Win or lose, this is the happiest England team I've known.

SHOOT: Good enough to win the European Championship?

KEEGAN: No team will be trying harder than England. We'll accept any result, providing we've given a good account of ourselves. Yes, we feel we could win.

• Interview by Bill Day

with international concerns like Faberge in helping to promote their products is that it takes me away from the pressures imposed by football. It's a relief, not a bind. People criticised me for going off to a studio to make a record at a crucial time in Hamburger's Championship winning season of 1978-79. Light relief I'd call it.



SHOOT: Some observers predict a bloodbath in Italy. Do you support this fear?

KEEGAN: Much depends on how the Championship starts. West

Record sendings-off in Argentina

THE tenth date in the Metropolitan Championship, when 18 players and two managers were shown the red card in the nine matches played, is a story that will go down in the annals of Argentine football. But it's worth taking a look at their incredible record of sendings-off that's threatening to break all records this season.

Just look at this week-by-week break-down of the red cards shown. A total of 59 players and five managers sent-off in just 87 League games! Oh, and in case you're wondering what went wrong in week nine, several matches were postponed because of bad weather!

	Players	Managers
Week 1	8	2
Week 2	2	—
Week 3	4	—
Week 4	7	—
Week 5	3	—
Week 6	2	1
Week 7	8	—
Week 8	7	—
Week 9	—	—
Week 10	18	2

Having said that, Argentine whistlers tend to be much quicker on the draw when it comes to using their red cards.

Huracan's Sanabria, for example, can consider himself unfortunate to be sent-off. He carried on running towards goal after failing to hear the referee whistle for off-side; when he realised this, he went through the motion of kicking the ball in the opponents' net ... and was sent-off for time-wasting.



Vicente Pernis (right) of Boca Juniors has had more than his share of red cards. He was the Argentine player sent-off with Willie Johnston in 1977. Here, Pernis stops Leo Luque of River Plate.

During week ten, when a record 18 players were ordered off, five were for 'verbal aggression against other players', three for time-wasting, three for dissent, three for fighting and four for rough play. So the figures DO tend to give a slightly misleading impression of dirty football.

Juan Carlos Ponfil sent-off five players during the Rosario Central/Estudiantes de la Plata game. One player NOT shown the red card was Central defender Garcia, but he lodged a complaint with the police that the ref had attacked him after the game.

Ponfil had to spend most of the night at the police station!

• There was some fierce battling between the players of Argentinos Juniors and Rosario Central in the dressing-rooms after their recent League match. Only one shower was working, and all 22 players were trying to get under it ...

WORLD WIDE



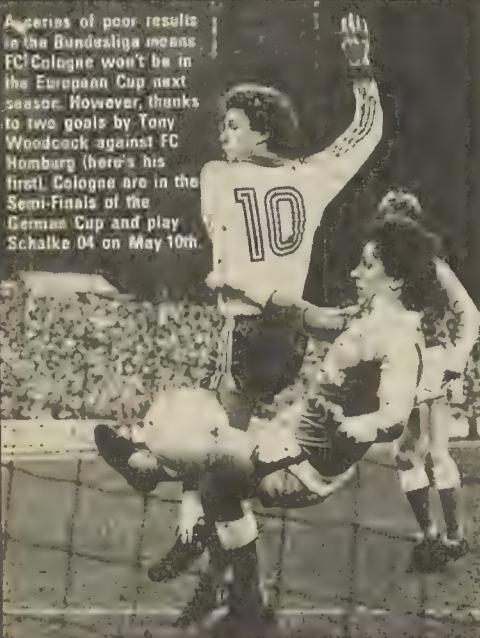
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CHRIS DAVIES

Goal-shy

URUGUAY'S recent European tour confirmed that the Sky Blues are far from being the world soccer power that they once were. On the credit side, their defence didn't give much away, but as an attacking force they were practically nonexistent. Waldemar Victorino was the only Uruguayan player to find the net during the tour, in the 69th minute of their match against ... Luxembourg.

Cup glory for Tony?

A series of poor results in the Bundesliga means FC Cologne won't be in the European Cup next season. However, thanks to two goals by Tony Woodcock against FC Nürnberg (here's his first), Cologne are in the Semi-Finals of the German Cup and play Schalke 04 on May 10th.



News flashes

Bruno Pezzey, Eintracht Frankfurt's Austrian international, has missed half the Bundesliga this season because of suspensions relating to two sendings-off.

West Germany are leaving nothing to chance for the European Championship Finals. The driver of the team coach has been in Italy driving from the training centre to the Rome Olympic Stadium, familiarising himself with the route.



Even though Francois Van der Elst (above) has signed for the Cosmos, he will play

clashes within the squad.

Many allege that relations between France's Number One footballer Michel Platini and Dutch World Cup striker Johnny Rep are practically at breaking point, with Rep openly upset that Platini receives £200,000 a year from the club — double the Dutchman's salary.

'The Greek' top in Chile

CHILEAN statisticians have named Julio 'The Greek' Cristoso as the top scorer of the 70's. He notched a total of 134 League goals for Union Católica and Colo Colo during the last decade, though the man with the highest average per season is Oscar Fabbiani — the man who hit the top of the USA scoring table in his first season at Tampa Bay. Fabbiani scored 106 League goals in just five seasons.

Roberto's transfer hitch

REMEMBER I told you a couple of weeks ago about Brazil's World Cup striker Roberto being hurriedly sold to Flamengo only ten weeks after Barcelona had paid £425,000 for him?

Well, even that wasn't the end of the story, as Flamengo, when it came to the crunch, simply hadn't got the cash to pay for Roberto.

Barcelona, scenting money problems, wouldn't let the Brazilian leave the city until the first instalment had been paid. Finally tired of waiting, they agreed terms for Roberto to rejoin his original club Vasco da Gama in a complicated deal involving the Brazilian club's participation, free of charge, in Barcelona's annual pre-season tournament.

"I hope I hit a hat-trick against them," was Roberto's parting shot, "to show them they made a mistake in chucking me out."

two games for the NASL club and return to Europe to play for Belgium in the European Championship Finals. This was agreed in his Cosmos contract.

Polish goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski is on the verge of leaving Belgian club Beerschot to go to West Germany.

Dino Zoff (below), 38, won his 80th cap for Italy against Poland, but he



has some way to go before he is the world's most-capped goalkeeper: Gilmar (Brazil) — 102 caps; Maier (W. Germany) — 95; Grosics (Hungary) — 86 caps; Carbajal (Mexico) — 86.

Poland are playing 16 internationals this year in

order to find a completely new team for their 1982 World Cup campaign.

Standard Liège, battling with FC Bruges for the Belgian Championship have seven foreigners on their payroll, even though they are only allowed to play three in any one game. The seven are: Ralf Edström (Sweden), Asgeir Sigurðsson (Iceland), Erihan Onal (Turkey), Helmut Graf (W. Germany), Alfred Riedl (Austria), Luis de Matos (Portugal); the seventh is Austrian manager Ernst Happel, who was in charge of Holland in the 1978 World Cup.

The city of Vienna has decided to 'buy' one game from each of their First Division clubs. FK Austria and SC Rapid will each receive £55,000, while First Vienna and Wiener Sportklub will get £40,000 each. The figures are well above average gate receipts, and, for the fans, admission will be entirely free ... on the Corporation.

Attendances for the first half of the First Division programme in Yugoslavia were 20% up on 1978-79 at 3,964,000 for an average of 25,908 per game. Red Star were the most popular club, watched by an average crowd of more than 36,000 per game.



Jupp Derwall (above) was under fire when he first took over the West German squad following the 1978 World Cup. But in his first 14 games they are unbeaten, a record which his predecessor Helmut Schön never managed. Best German run of all time was 16 games without defeat under Sepp Herberger during 1936-37.

'MY' PRESENT

SHORTLY after beating Ajax 2-0 in our European Cup Semi-Final first-leg at the City Ground, Forest maintained their form and produced two high-scoring away wins.

Trouble was . . . they didn't count for anything and not many people knew about them.

Immediately after the Ajax game, Forest left for a five day trip to the Middle East.

With Arsenal involved in the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals, and replay, we would have had ten days without a game if the club hadn't arranged the trip to play the Abu Dhabi national team and the Muharraq Sporting Club in Bahrain.

There was no time for celebrations after beating Ajax, or socialising with the family and friends . . . Forest had to catch a train to London.

We only managed a few hours sleep in a hotel close to Heathrow Airport before our morning flight to the Persian Gulf.

Flying doesn't bother me like some players and I was able to relax and catch up with my sleep on board.

We landed in Bahrain before catching another plane to Abu Dhabi, where we stayed in the magnificent Hotel Meridan, which has its own private beach.

As soon as I unpacked I was

MY SOCCER WORLD
Viv Anderson

in the pool with the other lads. Home and the pressures of the League Championship and European Cup battles seemed a million miles away.

News of Forest's arrival soon got around and by dinner-time that evening the hotel foyer and beach was packed with Arabs.

They're football daft in the Middle East and know most of our top teams and players because their TV carries Football League matches.

The locals flocked around Peter Shilton, Trevor Francis and surprise, surprise . . . me! I was staggered to discover I was also a "star" in that part of the world.

I was even more surprised when a waiter told me he was a regular SHOOT reader. I didn't realise the magazine was sold in the Persian Gulf.

There were quite a few English people in Abu Dhabi, either working in the country or on holiday.

I met several English families in the hotel which was the last word in



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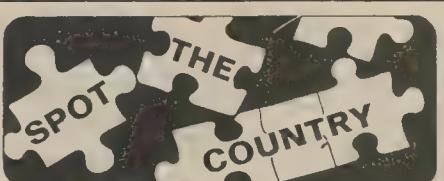
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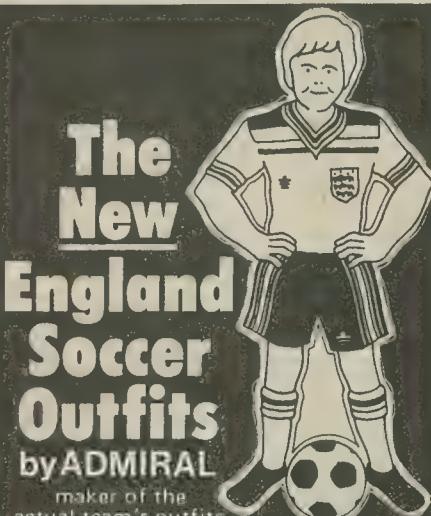
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Nothing was too much trouble for the waiters and staff. The people out there were marvellous . . . very friendly and hospitable.

The first night most of the lads wandered down to the bar. I had a couple of beers before going back to my room to watch TV.

John Robertson — my room-mate — and I settled down to see Susan George in a play from the Tales of the Unexpected series. It was about a man who turns into a bee . . . very hairy.

Impressive

Next day, the Friday, Forest played the Abu Dhabi national team and won 4-1.

Trevor Francis, our hero against Ajax, scored an impressive hat-trick. Dave Needham notched our fourth.

The following morning we flew to Bahrain for the match against the Muharraq Sporting Club.

We had been told they were a better team and expected tougher opposition.

But with Trevor Francis adding two more goals to his total, Forest romped home 8-2 winners.

While the Arabian players were keen, the standard wasn't that high. I reckon they'd struggle to survive in our minor Leagues.

One or two showed fine individual touches but overall they were too frail . . . too easily pushed off the ball.

Someone remarked it was like playing against 11 little Ardiles'. Only one difference . . . Tot-



tenham's Argentinian isn't easily dispossessed.

I can stand the sun, but in the Persian Gulf the heat was even too much for me.

During our games the temperature hit the 110 degree mark. I've never experienced heat like it.

Stan Bowles almost collapsed after the game in Bahrain. He told me he wouldn't play in the Middle East even if the oil sheiks offered him £1 million a year. Bet he'd soon change his mind if they approached him with that sort of cash.

As you might expect both games attracted large crowds. Although we couldn't understand the chants the fans obviously appreciated Forest's efforts to put on a good display of football skills.

Brian Clough took 17 players on the trip and everyone had a game,

except skipper John McGovern. He had a slight ankle injury and the boss decided to let him rest for the whole five days.

We didn't get much time for sightseeing, not that there was much to see. Just sand . . . and camels.

Mind you we enjoyed one reception held by one of the rich Sheiks. He arrived in a gold Cadillac followed by a convoy of Mercedes and Rolls Royces.

He was incredibly wealthy and a football fanatic. I believe his favourite team was Manchester United. We also met their Minister of Sport.

Much to my girl friend's annoyance we didn't have a chance to do any shopping, either. In fact, the

Trevor Francis (below) is on hand to blast home Nottingham Forest's first goal in their 2-0 European Cup Semi-Final first-leg win against Ajax at the City Ground. Stan Bowles (right) nearly passed out with heat exhaustion in the Persian Gulf.

Let's just hope Forest manage to maintain their first-leg superiority and are looking forward to our second successive European Cup Final.

Our 2-0 home victory was Forest's finest performance of the season. While Ajax hardly created a clear cut chance I can't believe they'll be so defensive in Amsterdam this week.

I also assume Ruud Krol, who rarely crossed the halfway line at



the City Ground, will be much more adventurous this time.

Anyway, whatever the outcome in Amsterdam, Forest play their last home match of the season this Saturday (May 3rd) when we entertain Crystal Palace.

They beat us 1-0 at their place earlier in the season, a result that flattered them.

Palace certainly haven't justified the rave reports heaped on them at the start of the season.

In my opinion they lack a midfield ball-winner and another striker up front to complement Mike Flanagan.

But they're Terry Venables' problems, not mine. All I've got to worry about is helping Forest end the season at home on a winning note.

Cheers for now . . .

Pettigrew's changing fortunes

THIS time last year Willie Pettigrew was in no-man's land. He had just dropped out of the Premier Division with Motherwell and the thought of playing in the First Division didn't excite him at all.

He told SHOOT! at the time: "I'm not sure what is happening at Fir Park. It's been made clear to me, however, that if I do not play for Motherwell then I will not play for anyone."

"I don't want to become a forgotten man. I'll have to adjust to the First Division and just hope I can score enough goals to tempt someone into buying me."

Fortunately for the lean and menacing Pettigrew, he didn't have to endure that season in the First Division with the relegated Motherwell outfit.

Shortly before the season kicked off a bid of £100,000 from Dundee United's shrewd manager Jim McLean was accepted by MacLeod and Pettigrew was happily on his way to Tannadice.

Since then there has been a somersault in the fortunes of Pettigrew. There is little doubt that his best is yet to come and he says: "I owe a lot to Mr McLean and Dundee United.

"They rescued my career in the

nick of time. This club is going places and I want to play my part. I won't fail for the lack of trying."

Pettigrew was bought by McLean to finish the intricate, delicate build-up of players such as Paul Sturrock, Graeme Payne and David Narey. Eamonn Bannon was later bought for £165,000 to help in the engine room and, like Pettigrew, his best will probably be seen next season.

Goals didn't flow immediately for Pettigrew at Tannadice, but he notched his 20th in a recent League match against Morton and that is a healthy total for a player who is still fitting into the scheme of things at United and learning to play it their way.

'Individuals'

"When you look at the players and the potential at Dundee United it is easy to get excited," says Pettigrew. "There are so many gifted and talented individuals here.

"And there is little doubt that Jim McLean is one of the best and most knowledgeable managers in the business. I would say that even if he wasn't my boss, he really knows the game inside out."

Pettigrew put his name in lights

during the season when he scored two fine goals in the shock 3-0 destruction of Aberdeen in the League Cup Final replay at Dens Park.

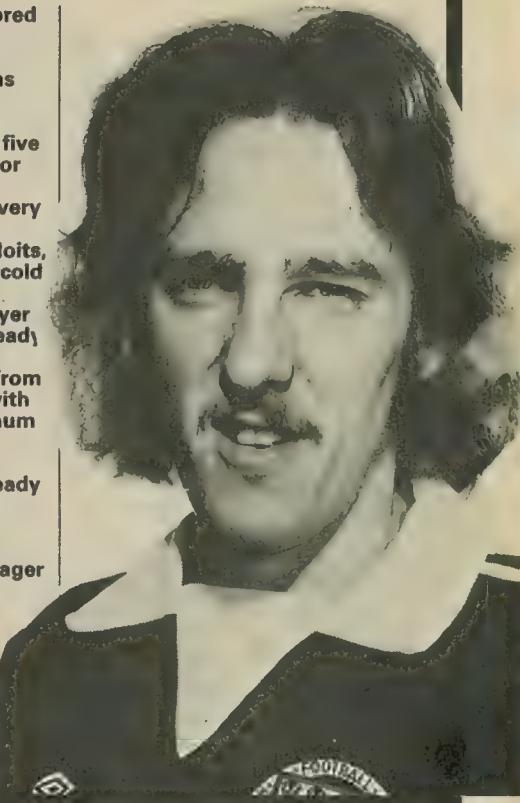
"It's a lucky ground for me," says Pettigrew. "I once scored five goals there in a League game for Motherwell against Dundee. I wouldn't mind playing there every day!"

Pettigrew's goalscoring exploits, however, have been given the cold shoulder treatment on the international front, but the player is determined to add to his already treasured handful of caps.

There are no rash promises from the player. He likes to get on with the job in hand with the minimum of fuss.

He has a cold, steel-like determination and, having already sampled the joys of scoring at international level with spectacular efforts against Switzerland and Wales, he is eager to do so again.

We are likely to see the best of Willie Pettigrew next season. That must be a worrying thought for defenders and goalkeepers who have been sorely tested during his settling-in period!



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ALAN Ball retired from top-class football two years too soon. That's the firm belief of the only remaining First Division player from the England 1966 World Cup-winning side, Martin Peters.

Fourteen years after England's victory, every other member of the side has retired from the toughest League in the world. Only Peters remains. He became the last distinguished veteran left when Alan Ball announced his decision to leave Southampton and First Division football to take up the job of player-manager to one of his former clubs struggling Blackpool.

Peters says: "I don't think there's any doubt that Ballie packed up too soon. He was playing as well as ever and he is three years younger than me. He was using his head as well as anyone, and that's how you still play when you're an old 'un. He had also become one of the best one-touch players in English football."

Peters, however, fully accepts Ball's reasons for quitting the First Division. And he warns: "It is quite conceivable I would do exactly the same thing if the same opportunity came along."

"At my age, you have to weigh up the possibilities. Sure, you might keep playing for one or two more seasons in the First Division. But if you turn down the chance of a job as a manager now, there might not be a similar opportunity when you do stop playing. What would you do then?"

"I think Ballie was right to take his chance of getting into management. If someone made me an offer, I would have to think hard about doing the same as Alan, even if I felt I could play for a couple more seasons in Division One."

Peters recently signed a new two-year contract with Norwich, taking him up to the age of 38.

Yet when he first went to Carrow Road, he planned for just a two-year stay. If he completes the new contract he'll have been there six years.

"I get a few more niggling injuries nowadays than I used to and they take longer to clear up. But at the moment, all I am looking

to do is to complete my contract. Norwich have been good to me and I want to repay them.

"Coming down here has eased the pressure on me. I believe it has extended my career by at least two or three years. Spurs was such a big club that great things were expected all the time. It took a lot of weight off my shoulders coming to Norwich, because I've really enjoyed my football and the demands haven't been so great."

Peters' vast experience has already been utilised by Norwich manager John Bond. On the field, his experience is vital to a young Norwich side, but Peters has also been busy off the field. "I'm quite involved in the coaching and tactical side now," he says. "I've learned a lot of that just by talking to the manager."

'Contributed'

Peters smiles at the memories of that hot July afternoon back in 1966 when England won the World Cup. "Everyone in that side contributed to the winning of that match," he said. "Ballie stood out for his tremendous work-rate and running, especially in the final 30 minutes, but every member of the side played well. Even people like Roger Hunt, who a lot of people said shouldn't have been in the team, did their full part and more."

A deep love for the game is the secret behind Peters' long association with English football at its highest level. "I've enjoyed every moment of it. I feel passionate for the game and everything associated with it, plus dedication and determination to win all the time. I never accept defeat, I never want to be beaten. I've always done my best at everything in football. Any kids wanting to emulate my career must adopt a similar attitude."

Peters is still a credit to the English First Division, with his skill, dedication and ability. Over the years, he has become respected in all aspects of the game: managerial, administrative, coaching and playing. No player could hope to earn a higher accolade.

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Quiz Time



1. Which American club did West Brom's Tony Brown join recently?

2. Johnny Giles recently quit as manager of the Republic of Ireland. Did he take over the job in 1972, 1973 or 1974?

3. Andy Rowland, Alan Mayes or Chris Kamara scored four goals for Swindon Town against Rotherham in their 6-2 Third Division win at the County Ground?

4. Crystal Palace's Martin Hinselwood (right) had a testimonial game recently. Who were Palace's opponents?

5. Eddie Turnbull was sacked as manager of which Scottish Premier Division club in the middle of April?

6. Non-Leaguers Dagenham and Mossley have battled their way through to which Wembley Final?



7. Celtic beat Hibernian 3-0, 4-0 or 5-0 at Ibrox, Dens Park or Hampden Park in the Scottish Cup Semi-Finals?

8. In the other Semi, Rangers eliminated Aberdeen 1-0 with a goal by which striker at Parkhead, Celtic?

9. England Under-21's suffered a 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2 defeat by East or West Germany in the European Under-21 Semi-Final, first-leg tie at Bramall Lane, home of Sheffield United?

10. St. Mirren became the first club from Scotland to win the Anglo/Scottish Cup when they defeated which English First Division side 5-1 on aggregate?

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The F.A. Cup Semi-Finals were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

11. Everton and West Ham fought a 1-1 draw in their first game. Where was it played?

12. Who scored Everton's goal with a penalty and was then sent-off in the second-half?

13. Who scored West Ham's winning goal in the replay with a header in their 2-1 win at Elland Road?

14. The first game between Arsenal and Liverpool finished 0-0 at Hillsborough. The replay, at Villa

Park also finished in a stalemate 1-1. David Fairclough's (below) goal for Liverpool was their 90th, 100th or 110th in all competitions this season?

15. Did Alan Sunderland put The Gunners in front or did he equalise with a delicate chip over Ray Clemence?



ANSWERS:

1. New England Tea Men. 2. Tots. 3. Rowland. 4. Total. 5. Hibernian. 6. FA Trophy. 7. 5-0 at Hillsborough. 8. Derek Johnstone. 9. 2-1 by East Germany. 10. Bristol City. 11. Villa Park. 12. Brian Kidd. 13. Frank Lampard. 14. 100th. 15. Equalise.

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'I'LL HELP EVERTON BACK TO GLORY'

— Asa Hartford

As West Ham prepare for the biggest day in the football calendar — the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley — Asa Hartford is left to reflect ruefully on a season of what might have been.

The Scottish international midfield player was a member of the Everton side just 75 seconds away from a Semi-Final second replay when Frank Lampard headed the goal which ended Hartford's lifelong dream of an F.A. Cup winners' medal.

"That was the greatest disappointment of my career," Hartford explained. "Everybody concerned with the club took it really badly, and I have never seen a dressing-room so quiet."

"I was on the losing side with West Bromwich Albion in the same stage in 1969, and I suppose this sort of thing has happened to countless other players, but it is true when they say that losing in the Semis is worse than failing at Wembley."

"We were expected to win, but all credit to West Ham. Alan

Devonshire scored five minutes into extra-time, and to be honest we were lucky to equalise. It seemed that Bob Latchford's goal had let us out of gaol, but then we let them back in. They played better than us and deserved to win, and I am sure they will put up a really good fight in the Final."

After a disappointing season battling against relegation, Everton's hopes of a happy ending were pinned firmly on Cup glory.

Yet Hartford had no idea that he would be wearing the blue shirt of Everton at the start of the season when he signed for Nottingham Forest from Manchester City.

But a move that had seemed like a dream for Asa soon turned into a nightmare, and after only a handful of games for the European Champions, Brian Clough decided that he had made a mistake and allowed Hartford to go to Goodison.

"I was content with Forest, but they obviously weren't content with me," Hartford continued. "When Brian Clough opened the

door, I left."

"The problem was they had replaced Frank Clark with Frank Gray at left-back, and Gray liked to attack on the overlap. With myself and John Robertson already playing out wide, the left wing was getting too crowded and it was obvious somebody had to make way."

'Opted'

"When my move from City came up it was a straight choice between Forest and Everton. I opted for Forest because they seemed the team most likely to win something and I fancied playing in the European Cup. I hold no grudges against them and hope they retain the trophy."

Now Hartford's hopes of adding to his collection of winners' medals are over for another year, and all he is left with is a struggle for First Division survival.

"After our Cup defeat, it was really hard lifting the team spirit to battle for the last few points we

needed to ensure we avoided relegation."

"But Gordon Lee has managed to correct our attitude, and that is why I do not think he will be sacked. There is bound to be pressure from certain quarters to replace Gordon simply because we lost that Semi-Final, but I think the Everton board realise what a good job he is doing."

"The side have struggled because of a number of changes, but the signs are that we are attaining the right blend, and next season I am looking for a place in the top six."

"I am desperate for success because I want to regain my place in the Scotland team. I feel I am approaching the form I showed at Manchester City last season — the best in my career — but international players are members of successful club sides."

"But I have no plans to leave Everton if things do not correct themselves right away. I am on a three-year contract, and intend to see it through."

Hartford (light strip) is sure Everton will be in the top six next season.

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TOMMY CATON

MANCHESTER CITY

FULL NAME: Thomas Stephen Caton

BIRTHPLACE: Liverpool

BIRTHDATE: October 6, 1962

HEIGHT: 6ft 1½ins

WEIGHT: 12st 9lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: No

CAR: Ford Capri 2.0 Ghia

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: None in particular

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Liverpool's Alan Hansen

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Mackenzie

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Liverpool's Tommy Smith

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: I like many

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All

opponents have different qualities

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My League debut v Crystal Palace

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being knocked out of this season's F.A. Cup by Halifax

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: I supported Liverpool so I must say them

FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Anything of my mother's

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Sports

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: I like many

FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Clint Eastwood, John

Wayne/Racquel Welch

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Sleeping

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Blondie, Roxy Music, David Bowie, Michael Jackson

AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Depends on the result

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy and Youth caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful generally and play for England in a World Cup

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Tommy Caton.

